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"In former times ... . we found the Nazim surrounded by a respectable body of men who, generally, either filled some important situation in the household or were the personal friends and aide-de-camps of His Highness, and who received allowances under certain heads from the general Establishment. His Highness's personal attendants were men of character and respectable in their appearance—were well dressed and in their conduct did honour to their master's high situation. How much is the change of the present day—Not a friend, but of a certain class, and all of the same family and not an aide-camp, the servants ragged and tattered and scarcely one acquainted with the usual ceremonies of the Durbar ; nay several are of the most suspicious character and some even, I am told, bear the marks of the Magistrate's rod upon their backs." That was how William Loch, Agent to the Governor General at Murshidabad, described the character of the Durbar of "His Highness Boorhan-ool-Moolk, Ihtisham-oo-doulah ; Walyjah, Syed Ahmud Alli Khan Bahadoor Mahabut Jung" in his despatch dated the 30th August 1824 to the Government.

In spite of this degeneration, the situation of the Nabab Nazim was an office the British Government was deeply interested to preserve, from purely political motives, in pseudo respectability and splendour. For the support of the elevated rank of the Nazim certain allowances were made. In 1802, the year from which the correspondence reproduced in this book dates, the Subedar of Bengal, Bihar and Orissa was Nabab Nazim Naussir-ool-Moolk who, ascending the Musnud in 1793, was assured by the East India Company of the continued payment of the annual stipend of Sicca Rupees sixteen lakhs "paid of the free grace and favour of the British Government" subject to existing Regulations for the appropriation of the amount. These Regulations, emanating from the provisions of a plan framed in 1790, separated from the gross stipend of Rupees sixteen lakhs the pensions and other payments amounting to a little over Rupees six lakhs concerning the relations of the Nazim and his ancestors and placed the amount, for the purpose of ensuring its regular payment, under the management of a civil officer of the Government, the Paymaster of Nizamut Stipends, independent of the control of the Nabab. This left the latter with an amount of less than Rupees ten lakhs per annum. Even this sum was divided into various items showing how it should be spent.

The office of the Paymaster of Nizamut Stipends was abolished at the end of 1798, but after only two years the Governor General "being convinced that a considerable degree of embarrassment and inconvenience has arisen from the want of some immediate channel of communication between the Nabab of Bengal, the other branches of the Nizamut and the British Government" appointed an officer under the official designation of Superintendent of Nizamut Affairs who, residing at Murshidabad, was to "exercise a general control over the conduct of the affairs of the Nizamut." Though this official was to "have no immediate concern in the payment of the stipends," it was his "duty to superintendent the payment of the stipends and to see that they are regularly and properly disbursed to the several persons to whom they are payable."

Simultaneously with the creation of this new office, the Government appointed a Committee for devising measures to be adopted for the purpose of "meeting various objects of immediate and future exigency connected with the appropriation and management of the funds of the Nizamut." The 1790 plan was found defective in one material point: it provided no adequate fund for future contingencies, nor for any eventual excess above the estimated expenditure in the several departments of the Nizamut. With a view to remedy this defect the Committee was charged with suggesting a complete revision of every part of the existing arrangement. The ill-concealed idea behind this move was however to curb still further the control of the Nabab in the management of the Nizamut. "The participation of His Highness the Nabab," the Government instructed the Committee, "should be regulated by such provisions and restrictions as may be necessary to preclude the effects of any imprudence or abuse either on the part of His Highness or of his officers."

On the recommendation of this Committee, several funds were created out of the lapsed stipends. The first of these funds was the Agency Deposit Fund set apart in 1816 for the payment of the Governor General's Agent and his establishment. The Government had then taken note of the want of due superintendence over the Nizamut office and had been convinced of the impossibility of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and Circuit, who used to hold the post of the Superintendent of Nizamut Affairs since its inception, affording this superintendence and decided to appoint an officer of high rank and liberal salary, designated as Agent to the Governor General at Murshidabad. The arrangement imposed no financial burden on the Company as the establishment was to be financed from the Agency Fund. The office of the Agent was abolished in 1881 and all correspondence connected with the Murshidabad family and the payment of pensions and allowances to them were from that time conducted through the Collector of Murshidabad.

Such being the background of the offices, it is natural that the bulk of their correspondence should relate to a labyrinth of pensions and stipends of the collateral branches of a fast expanding family and to the mounting distress and debts due to mismanagement, waste and extravagance. But throughout the volumes of letters exchanged a vital matter seemed never to have been clearly defined, namely, what descriptions of allowances were properly speaking resumable, which involved the question as to which were hereditary, and what descriptions were personal and might be left to the Nabab's disposal.

The correspondence throws interesting sidelights on several aspects of contemporary life, chief amongst which is the gradual decay of the fortunes of Murshidabad. Immediately after Plassey Clive found the city to be "as extensive, populous and rich as the city of London." Seventy years later, W. L. Melville, the Agent to the Governor General, reported to his Government : "Moorshedabad no longer possesses its former wealth. It's site was not in any respect very happily chosen and our new capital (Calcutta) not only possessed the advantage over it in becoming the seat of Government but perhaps a still greater one in its suitableness as a depot for the new channel which the commerce of the country was to take. These circumstances combined with its proximity have gradually deprived Moorshedabad of all its active monied men and there only remain the very few who had the wisdom to employ their funds at the proper moment in purchasing land and who still linger about their hereditary homes."

A full dissertation of the historical value of these papers will doubtless be assayed at worthier hands and I have only to end this preface (I have already made it longer than intended having been drawn by the absorbing nature of the material) with a note of appreciation for the valuable assistance rendered by Prof. Sanat Kumar Bose in the editing of this publication to which he has also contributed an informative Introduction. My obligations are also due to my colleagues Shri Parimal Mittra, Shri Sisir Kanti Majumdar, Shri Jadavendra Kumar Roy Chowdhury, Shri Gouri Shankar Chatterjee and Sm. Anjali Maitra who prepared the typescripts and corrected the proofs. I am greatly indebted to Shri M. M. Basu, I.C.S., Chief Secretary, and Shri S. Dutt Mazumdar, I.A.S., Secretary, Home (C&E) Department, to the Government of West Bengal for the keen interest they have all along taken in the publications of this office. The management and staff of the Sree Saraswaty Press Ltd. have earned our gratitude for executing the printing work with commendable quality and speed.

Finally a word on editing. There exist in the manuscripts (a specimen printed opposite page 466) many irregularities in spelling, syntax and punctuation, caused partly by the ignorance of the semi-literate Writers and partly by the whimsicalities in calligraphy in vogue at the time. All such irregularities have gone to the press without any whitewash whatsoever. The letters have been serially numbered for convenience of reference.

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23.9.	[1501]	A. Smelt	Requesting the latter to deduct the amount due from the Nawab on account of the revenue of Turuf Kanaipara, etc. from the Nizamut allowances.	494
Do.	[1502]	A. Stirling	Enclosing two letters from Ameer Un Nissa Begum.	494
30.9.	[1503]	Do.	Enclosing two letters from the Nawab.	494
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21.10.	[1505]	Do.	Forwarding copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Nizamut Buildings.	494-95
Do.	[1506]	Do.	Enclosing letters from Ameer Unnissa Begum relating to the appointment of a new Nazir to her Deooree.	495
24.10.	[1507]	A. Smelt	Enclosing receipts for favour of payment.	495
Do.	[1508]	A. Stirling	Enclosing letters from the Nawab, intimating his arrival at Bhugulpore.	495
2.11.	[1509]	Do.	Informing the latter that the Nawab's health had improved considerably.	495
3.11.	[1510]	Do.	On the subject of progress made by Lt. Col. McLeod in the building works under his charge.	495
10.11.	[1511]	Do.	Relating to the distribution of the stipend of Hossein Ally (deceased)—a Rajemahl stipendiary.	495-96
14.11.	[1512]	A. Smelt	Enclosing copy of the former's proceedings of the 8th inst.	496
16.11.	[1513]	A. Stirling	Informing of the birth of a son to the Nawab.	496
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17.12.	[1519]	A. Smelt	Relating to the payment of Nizamut stipends.	508
19.12.	[1520]	Do.	Do.	508
22.12.	[1521]	Do.	Do.	508
26.12.	[1522]	Do.	The stipend of Syud Gholam Murtooja Khan to be paid to Lallah Munnowruth Loll.	508
29.12.	[1523]	A. Stirling	Enclosing copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Nizamut Buildings, soliciting leave for a period of twenty days.	508
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2.1.	[1524]	Do.	Enclosing two letters from Ameer Unnissa Begum, complaining of an irregularity in the payment of her stipend.	508-09
9.1.	[1525]	A. Smelt	Requesting for the payment of a balance due from the Govt.	509
16.1.	[1526]	A. Stirling	Enclosing copy of a letter from Lt. Col. McLeod, exhibiting the progress made by him in the construction of the Nizamut buildings.	509
Do.	[1527]	Do.	On the subject of the establishment fixed for the Nujeeb Unnissa Begum.	509
18.1.	[1528]	G. Swinton	Relating to the state & condition of the Nizamut finances.	509-10
19.1.	[1529]	A. Smelt	Relating to the payment of Nizamut stipends.	510
25.1.	[1530]	A. Stirling	Transmitting a Report on the state & condition of the Nizamut finances.	510-12
1.2.	[1531]	Do.	Forwarding a general account (along with some particular details) of the Nizamut Deposit Fund.	512-14
2.2.	[1532]	Do.	Relating to the distribution of the stipend of Oomdut Unnissa Begum (deceased), a Rajemahl stipendiary.	514
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6.2.	[1536]	A. Smelt	The stipend of Gholam Allee to be paid to Lallah Gunness Dutt.	515-16
12.2.	[1537]	A. Stirling	Informing the latter that the suit instituted in the Moorshedabad Provincial Court against Seith Dhokul Chund, had been decreed in favour of the Nawab.	516
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17.3.	[1539]	Do.	Soliciting leave of absence on account of ill health.	516
20.3.	[1540]	A. Smelt	Forwarding a letter from the Nuwaub Abool Cossim Khan.	516
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Do.	[1549]	A. Stirling	Requesting that the Collector of Customs at Patna be directed to pass duty free a consignment of candles required for the use of the Nizamut.	518-19
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5.5.	[1554]	A. Stirling	Relating to the distribution of the stipend of Meer Ahmud (deceased).	519
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19.5.	[1557]	Do.	Enclosing a receipt for favour of payment.	520
26.5.	[1558]	A. Stirling	Enclosing a letter from the Nuwaub, containing his objections to certain excess of expenditure in some of the Nizamut Departments.	520
29.5.	[1559]	A. Smelt	Seeking payment of the Nizamut College allowance for the month of April last.	523
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16.6.	[1562]	S. Fraser	Enclosing a letter from the Juggut Seth Gobind Chund seeking permission to proceed to Lucknow, along with the Agent's comments thereon.	524
19.6.	[1563]	Do.	Relating to the distribution of the stipend of Kootub Oon Nissa Begum (deceased), daughter of the late Nuwaub Roostumjung.	524-25
31.7.	[1564]	G. Swinton	Informing of the former's having taken charge of the Office of the Agent.	525
14.8.	[1565]	H. T. Travers	Seeking payment of the Nizamut College allowances for May, June & July last.	525
Do.	[1566]	G. Swinton	On the subject of Lt. Col. McLeod's suggestion for employing a native Doctor.	525
18.8.	[1567]	H. T. Travers	Relating to the payment of Nizamut stipends.	525
21.8.	[1568]	George Swinton	On the subject of the complaint put forward by Dr. Burt against some of the Nawab's followers.	525
25.8.	[1569]	Do.	Relating to the distribution of the stipend of Uzzeezoon Nissa Khanum (deceased).	526
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6.9.	[1574]	G. Swinton	Seeking leave of absence for twenty days.	526
14.9.	[1575]	H. T. Travers	Relating to the payment of Nizamut stipends.	526-27
2.10.	[1576]	G. Swinton	Reporting the demise of the Nuwaub Monglee.	527
6.10.	[1577]	Do.	Informing the latter that Syud Hosain Alee had left the City without the former's permission.	527
21.10.	[1578]	H. T. Travers	Returning back the abstract of Nizamut stipends for Sept. 1830.	527
Do.	[1579]	Do.	Relating to the payment of Nizamut stipends.	527
30.10.	[1580]	Do.	Do.	527
Do.	[1581]	G. Swinton	On the subject of the Nuwaub's intention to proceed to Uzeemabad for the recovery of his health.	527
1.11.	[1582]	Do.	Relating to the payment of salaries of the guards stationed at the former's Office.	528
22.11.	[1583]	Do.	Enclosing copy of a letter from Lt. Col. McLeod, seeking leave of absence.	528
24.11.	[1584]	Do	Relating to the payment of salaries of the guards stationed at the former's Office.	528-29
6.12.	[1585]	Do.	Relating to the distribution of the stipend of the Nuwaub Munglee (deceased).	529-30
Do.	[1586]	Do.	Relating to the distribution of the stipend of Meer Mosur Ally (deceased).	530-31
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10.12.	[1589]	Do.	Relating to the appointment of a new Agent.	531-32
11.12.	[1590]	Do.	On the subject of the Nuwaub's request for increasing the stipend of Mirza Ruheem.	532
Do.	[1591]	Do.	On the subject of the Nawab's request for increasing the stipends of the children of the late Meer Ibrahim.	532
15.12.	[1592]	H. T. Travers	Informing the latter that Noorjehan Begum, wife of the late Nuwaub Buhram Jung, had nominated Gowhur Ally to be her Agent.	532

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22.12.	[1594]	Do.	Seeking payment on account of the establishment of a guard of Sepoys.	532
29.12.	[1595]	Do.	Relating to the payment of the stipend of Kazim Ally Khan.	532
Do.	[1596]	G. Swinton	Informing the latter that the Nuwaub had been requested to Report on the demise of the dependants of the late Nuwaub Meer Munglee.	533
Do.	[1597]	Do.	On the subject of the Nuwaub's request to obtain for the Nizamut Dewan the title of Moha Rajah Behadoor.	533
30.12.	[1598]	H. T. Prinsep	Enclosing letters from the Nuwaub and the Ameeroon Nissa Begum.	533
Do.	[1599]	G. Swinton	Enclosing a letter from the Nuwaub setting forth his objections to certain expenditure &ca. incurred during his minority.	533
Do.	[1600]	Do.	On the subject of the Bhow Begum's request to obtain a loan from the Deposit Fund.	534
31.12.	[1601]	H. T. Prinsep	Enclosing two letters from the Nuwaub Soulut Jung.	534
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3.1.	[1602]	G. Swinton	The former had delivered over charge of the Office of Agent to the Govr. Genl. to Mr. J. A. Pringle.	534
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INTRODUCTION

The present volume [part I and part II] deals with Nizamut letters (issued) during the period 1802-1872. The volume is divided into two parts—part I (the present volume) covering letters from 1802 to 1831. Part II will be published soon and will cover letters from 1834 to 1872.

Another volume of Nizamut letters (receipt) covering the period (1793-1856) has already been published. Many letters (received) which were traced subsequently, and which therefore could not be included in that volume, will also be published shortly.

When published, these four volumes (two already published and two to be published shortly) together will give us an almost complete picture of the Murshidabad Nizamut during its period of decline.

As is well known, Nawab Mir Jafar Khan obtained the Musnud of Bengal, Bihar and Orissa (1757) by the grace of the British East India Company. Ever since that time, the Company continued to act as the Nawab—maker of Bengal and gradually usurped all the functions of the Nawab Nazim.

This gradual usurpation of the functions of the Nawab, which started with the defeat of Sirajuddaulah (at Plassey, 1757), may be said to have been completed by 1765 when Mir Jafar's eldest living son Najm ud doulah was chosen by the Company to succeed his father.

By the agreement concluded between Najm ud doulah and the Company "the Nawab was required to resign the management of the revenue and the command of his troops—in short, to make over the *Subadhari* to the Company. An annual sum of Sicca Rs. 53,86,131 was allowed to him for the expences of his Court and the administration of justice. He was further required to submit to the control of a board of advisers in all his affairs. This board was composed of Raja Dulabh Ram, Jagat Seth and Mahammad Reza Khan; and, in addition, an officer of the Company was always to reside at Murshidabad and exercise a general superintendence as Resident of the Durbar." Shortly after this, Lord Clive virtually forced the fugitive Mughal Emperor Shah Alam to grant the Dewani of Bengal, Bihar & Orissa to the Company.

These two acts are very significant. While the new treaty with the young Nawab Najm ud doulah, confirmed the overall supremacy of the Company in all the administrative and political affairs in Bengal, the grant of Dewani conferred a legal title on the Company to act as Dewan on behalf of the Mughal Emperor. From now onwards, there was no bar—legal or otherwise—to the Company's taking over of the administration of Bengal and its Council could implement its policy freely in all the branches of administration in Bengal.

As a matter of fact, if it so desired, the Company could then do away with the Nizamut altogether. If however it did not choose to adopt such a course it was out of political expediency. For very obvious reasons, the Company was not yet in a position to take over the Government directly from the Nawab. Hence it decided to maintain a puppet Nawab on the Musnud of Murshidabad who was to be a mere show boy obeying slavishly all the dictates of the Company. In fact the Nawab was now a mere pensioner of the latter.

Even this pension was reduced from time to time and the Nawab had to swallow meekly whatever amount was fixed for him by the Calcutta Council of the Company. Thus while (in 1765) Nawab Najm ud doulah was offered the annual sum of Sicca Rs. 53,86,131 as " an

adequate allowance for the support of the Nizamut," his younger brother Nawab Mubarak ud doulah received only Sa. Rs. 16,00,000 in 1771!

It is to be remembered that the Company did not usurp all the powers and functions of the Nawab in a day. In other words, the political change over from the Muslim to the British rule was gradual and was completed over a period beginning from Mir Jafar's second vice-gerency (1763). From now onwards two radically opposite movements can be traced in the political history of Bengal; while the power of the Nizamut continued to decay, the grip of the Company over the Government continued to grow steadily and by the time we reach the period where these Nizamut papers start from (i.e. Receipt side, 1793), the field of operation and control of the Nizamut had been reduced to the Nawab's Palace and its occupants i.e., the various members of the Nizamut family and its servants.

Even this control was not exclusive. It had to be done under the direct control of a British official designed successively as Paymaster of the Nizamut Stipends, Superintendent of Nizamut Affairs and Agent to the Governor General. Letters included in these volumes of Nizamut papers substantiate the above statement convincingly.

The power given to this officer vis-a-vis the Nawab and the Nizamut was immense. The extent of this power can be seen from the terms of appointment of the Superintendent of Nizamut Affairs when that post was created (1801) after the abolition of the post of Paymaster of Nizamut Stipends. Instructions issued to Mr. Thomas Pattle, the first Superintendent of Nizamut Affairs, contained among others, that he "was to see that the affairs of the Nizamut are conducted in strict conformity to the arrangement which at present exists or which may hereafter be adopted under the orders of Government" and he was "authorized to oppose any deviation from the arrangement, prescribed for the appropriation of the funds, and for the general conduct of the affairs of the Nizamut, reporting to Government any instances," in which his "remonstrances may have failed of success, and in which the interposition of the supreme authority may appear to be necessary." [Letter issued to Mr. Thomas Pattle, dated 24th Dec. 1801; Nizamut letters received P. 47].

It has already been said that the Nizamut Affairs no longer meant the affairs of the three Soubahs of Bengal, Bihar and Orissa in all their totality. Though Nawab Naussir ul Mulk (son to Nawab Mubarak ud doulah) was proclaimed the Soubadar of Bengal, Bihar & Orissa when he ascended the Musnud of Murshidabad in 1793, his Nizamut consisted solely of his Palace and its various occupants. His activities were therefore confined within the walls of his Killa (Fort or Palace). These activities in their narrow and yet numerous patterns form the main bulk of the Nizamut letters under consideraion.

So long as she was alive Munny Begum a concubine of Nawab Mir Jafar Khan, was the dominating figure in the Nizamut. Being held in high esteem by the British Government, she occupied a unique position in the Nizamut, and during her life time (she died in 1813) she virtually dictated all the successive Nawabs ever since the accession of Najm ud doulah. She was a jealous, vindictive and cunning person who could read clearly in which direction the wind was blowing and never lost an opportunity to gain her ends.

Apart from the family stemming directly from Nawab Mir Jafar Khan, we have to take note of two others—Mahammad Reza Khan and the Jagat Seth.

The meteoric rise and fall of Mahammad Reza Khan (known afterwards as Nawab Muzaffar Jung), is well known to all students of history. His son Nawab Dilawar Jung—also a pensioner like the Nawab Nazim himself finds frequent mention in these letters. Mention may likewise be made of the family of the Nawab of Rajmehal as well as the descendents of the family of Nawab Sirajuddaulah.

Glimpses on the plight of the family of the Jagat Seth, like that of the Nawab, can also be traced in these records. Towards the end of the period we are dealing with, this family—once the richest in India—was virtually living by selling or pawning its family jewels and plates!

These records may not contain much that is significant from a broad historical perspective, yet they tell their own tales which are as interesting as pathetic, and cannot but evoke strong feelings in the heart of the reader. For the convenience of the reader we refer him particularly to the following pages of this volume:

Page	*Subject*
3	Relating to the abolition of Sayer duties.
5	Relating to the inconvenience from which the Nizamut stipendiaries suffered owing to delay in the payment of stipends. It is to be noted that the various members of the Nizamut family had no means of livelihood other than the stipends sanctioned by the British Government.
10	Relating to the poor state of the Nawab's residence.
13	Relating to the extreme helplessness of the Nawab who could not even appoint his own Dewan, neither could he grant any allowance to any one without the sanction of the British Governor General.
14	The Nawab could not punish even an ordinary Sepoy in the employ of the British army.
15	Sanction had to be sought from the Governor General before the Nawab could proceed on an excursion.
28	The Nawab was required by the Collector of Bhagalpur to supply information touching the tenure by which he held some lands and why these lands had not been registered under Section 25th of the Regulation 19 of 1793. Thus while the Nawab was treated on the one hand as an ordinary tenant, on the other hand he was acknowledged as the independent Nawab Nazim of Bengal, Bihar and Orissa!
30	Relating to the character of Nawab Dilawar Jung.
40	Relating to the sad state of the arms used by the Nawab's Sepoys.
44	The Nawab had to seek permission of the Governor General before he could accept the Titles offered to him by the Mughal Emperor (1807).
52	Relating to the Nawab's debts.
154	Relating to the bad and irritable character of Nawab Roshun ud Doulah—an uncle of the reigning Nawab.
178	The Nawab was not to maintain any interchange of visits with the Civil and Military officers of the British Government.
216	Relating to provisions made for the family of Md. Reza Khan.

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237	Relating to the Nawab's voice in the appointment of the Nizamut Dewan.
247	Relating to the family of Nawab Miran, the eldest son of Mir Jafar Khan.
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284	Relating to the orders of the Court of Appeal, Murshidabad, requiring a list of the whole of the property of the Jagat Seth to be prepared for the use of the Court.
305	Relating to the vindictive nature of the Nawab.

These are some of the interesting letters printed in this volume.

Dated, Calcutta,
the 10th December 1965.

SANAT KUMAR BOSE.

[1]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Caunpore.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the Commands of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General conveyed in your letter from Illahabad of the 24th Ultimo, notifying that His Lordship had been pleased to appoint me to the Office of Superintendent of Nizamut Affairs, and detailing Instructions for my Guidance in the discharge of the Duties annexed to that situation.

I beg you will assure His Lordship that under the most respectful sense of the Honour conferred and Trust reposed in me I shall exert my utmost Endeavours to act up at all times to the spirit of the Rules laid down, and strictly to carry into effect the objects now defined, and such orders as may be hereafter conveyed to me.

His Highness the Nawaub being at present absent on a hunting Party I have not yet had an opportunity of delivering the letters referred to in the 10th Paragraph of your letter or of entering on the Duties of my office. I take the Liberty of representing the expediency and necessity that orders should be issued to the Collector of Moorshedabad to make over to me the Books of Correspondence and Accounts, the parcels of letters received and generally all the Records both English and Persian appertaining to the Office formerly held by me as Paymaster of Nizamut Stipends, and which when that office was abolished by Government, I conformably to the orders of 6th January 1799 delivered to Mr. Oldfield then Collector of the Zillah taking his receipt for the same. As the disbursement of the Stipends is under the present arrangement to remain with the person holding the office of Collector of Moorshedabad he will of course have occasion to retain the Books in which the Treasury accounts are entered and any other records of Accounts appertaining to the detailed duties vested in him. But the other accounts and Correspondence are indispensably necessary for my Guidance and Information in the discharge of the Duties delegated to me that I may conform to the existing orders of Government for the management generally of the Nizamut affairs, & have reference to Precedents established as well respecting matters of Form and Etiquette as object of more essential importance. These Records of course will in my charge be ready for the Information and reference of the Nizamut Committee, which His Lordship has been pleased to appoint.

Under the Information contained in the close of your letter that the Duties now entrusted to me are not to entail any extraordinary Charge upon Government further than that of such additional Establishment as may be indispensably necessary to enable me to conduct those Duties, I have now the honor in obedience to the Permission you have given to submit for His Lordship's approval a note of Establishment formed on that Idea observing at the same time that in the four last Items of said note—I have not been strictly governed by the Idea of positive necessity except as far as that may be supposed connected with a sense of Propriety and Conformity to local established Usage which makes it in some not necessary as well as proper that my appearance at the Durbar of His Highness the Nawaub and on all occasions of Ceremony connected with the Duty of my office should have some reference to the high Rank of the Character I am supposed to represent and the very limited Establishment of the judicial Courts' does not allow any appendages of mere shew and Parade.—I have etc.

T. Pattle,
Superintd. of Nizamut Affairs.

Moorshedabad,
the 7th January 1802.

Estimate or Note of Monthly Establishment required for conducting the Duties of the Office of Superintendent of Nizamut Affairs

One Persian Moonshee	Per mensem	Rupees 50
One Persian Mohrir		30
One English Writer		40
One Duftery or Office keeper		6
Paper, Pens, Ink &ca. Country Stationery		10
One Nazir	Rupees 12	
Two Chubdars at 6/8	13	
Two Soontahberdars at 6	12	
Eight Hercarrahs at 5	40	77
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		Sicca Rupees 213

Moorshedabad,
the 7th January 1802.

T. Pattle.

[2]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Caunpore.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 26th Ultimo giving Cover to letters from His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General to their Highnesses the Nabob and Munny Bhegum with Copies in English and Persian. I shall deliver the letters in person as soon as the Nabob shall return from a hunting Party in which he is at present engaged.—I have etc.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

Moorshedabad,
the 7th January 1802.

[3]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Caunpore.

Sir,—I do myself the pleasure to acquaint you for the Information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General that I attended yesterday at the Kellah and had the honor to deliver into the hands of His Highness the Nabob, & to Her Highness the Munnee Begum the letters from His Excellency which came enclosed in your Commands of the 24th Ultimo. Their Highnesses expressed themselves highly satisfied with the appointment which had taken place, and the Communication made to them. I next waited on the Bubboo & Waldah Begums who made earnest enquiries regarding the Health & Progress of His Excellency the Most Noble Marquis Wellesley and desire me to express in terms of respectful regret their concern at not having

been honoured by any Communication since His Excellency quited this City.—I have etc.

T. Pattle,
Superintd. of Nizamut Affairs.

Moorshedabad,
the 13th January 1802.

His Highness the Nawaub Nazirool Moolk having on the 25th January intimated his Intention of paying the Superintendent a Visit on the preceding day he immediately addressed the following letter to the Officer Commanding the Station.

[4]

Lieut. Col. George Wood,
Commanding the Station at Berhampore.

Sir,—His Highness the Nawaub Nazirol Moolk having signified his Intention of paying me a visit of Ceremony tomorrow forenoon, I take the Liberty of intimating the same to you and of requesting you will issue the necessary orders that His Highness may on his arrival and Departure from Cantonments receive the usual salute of artillery as also the Customary Compliments of Guards &ca.—I have etc.

Berhampore,
the 25th January 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supert. Nizt. Affairs.

[5]

Capt. George Fleming of the Engineer Corps,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have been requested by His Highness the Nawaub Nazerul Moolk to signify you his desire that you will as early as you conveniently can return to him thro' me a Plan or Design of a building intended for his residence and prepared by the deceased Mr. Lyons. His Highness desires me to add his wish that you will at the same time favour him with the Plan which you expressed to him an Intention of preparing together with such Observations as may occur to you tending to explain to His Highness any objections to Mr. Lyons's Plan contrasting such with that which you may have prepared and pointing out in what respect Preference is to be given to such alterations as you shall have thought proper to propose.

His Highness is desirous of your early Compliance with his wishes in the above respect as he has reason to think it is in the contemplation of Government to give very shortly Instructions touching the rebuilding his Palace & assistance towards effecting it.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 29th January 1802.

T. Pattle,
Superint. of Nizt. Affairs.

[6]

Thos. Hayes Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of yesterday and in conformity to your wish I transmit you herewith my receipts in Duplicate for the English & Persian records formerly appertaining to the Office of Paymaster of the Stipends & now by you Delivered to me.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 12th February 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[7]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Lucnow.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter from Cawnpoor of the 27th ultimo and to acquaint you that in conformity to the orders of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General the Collector of Moorshedabad has delivered into my charge certain records formerly appertaining to the office of Paymaster of Nizamut Stipends.

On an attentive reconsideration of the four last Items of the note of establishment submitted with my address of the 7th ultimo I cannot hesitate to declare that in my judgement a permanent Establishment of Servants to the extent there detailed is positively necessary for the purpose of supporting an appearance suitable to the authority with which I am invested on all Occasions of Ceremony connected with the Duties of my Situation & I therefore hope His Excellency the Governor General will graciously permit me to retain them at the public Charge.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 13th February 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of the Nizt. Affs.

[8

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Lucnow.

Sir,—I do myself the Honour to forward you herewith Letters addressed to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General by His Highness the Nawaub Nassirul Moolk and by the Munee Begum in answer to the Letters from His Excellency received under Cover of your Favour of the 24th of December to the Nizamut Committee and 26th of the same month directed to myself.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 15th February 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[9]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Lucnow.

Sir,—I have the honour to transmit under Cover herewith addresses to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General from His Highness the Nawaub Nussur-ul-Moolk & from Faizilut-ulnessa Bhegum widow of the Nawaub Meerun deceased & mother of the Nawaub Syed Murteza Cawn Bahadur advising the Demise of Salia Bhegum and making application regarding the appropriation as well of arrears of Pension accumulated since the demise of Salia Bhegum (which is stated to have occurred about twenty months since) as of the monthly Allowance of one thousand Rupees which the said Bhegum enjoyed during her Life time. This Pension will be found included in Statement No. 5

of accompanyments to the Letter from Government dated 3rd September 1790 addressed to Sir John Harington and is part of the monthly allowance of Rs. 5,000 which on the Death of the Nawaub Meerun was allotted for the Maintenance & support of his Family.

The Letter from the Nawaub now enclosed refers to an address sometime since forwarded on the same subject by the Munee Bhegum, Copy of which is not amongst the Records of my Office but as Faizilutulnessa receives already one thousand Rupees monthly in part of the five thousand standing in the name of the Nawaub Saidoo for her own support and that of the said Nawaub's daughter whom she brings up, I beg respectfully to submit that her Claim does not appear so urgent or well founded as that which is preferred by their Highnesses the Nawaub & the Munnee Bhegum in favour of the two Grand-daughters of the Nawaub Meerun who by the demise of Salia Bhegum appear to be left quite destitute they are reported to be the one 19 the other 20 years of age and since the death of Salia Bhegum have obtained a scanty Subsistence by Loans from Parties who look to reimbursement from the Proceeds of the future Sale of the Property of the deceased which is at present under attachment.—I have etc.

T. Pattle,
Superintd. of Nizamut Affairs.

Beerhampore,
the 19th February 1802.

[10]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Lucnow.

Sir,—I have the honour to acquaint you for the Information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General that I am informed by a Letter from His Highness the Nawaub of the Demise of Hossain Reza Cawn Nephew of the late Nawaub Shamut Jung who received an allowance of two hundred Rupees pr. mensem included in the Pensions of the Relations of the Nawaub Nusseer-ul-Moolk which by the Resolutions of Government of the 3rd of September 1790 were declared hereditary.* The Nawaub states that Hossain Reza has left a numerous family and he recommends that the lapsed Pension be assigned to his Son Mirza Mohamed Hossain for the support of himself his sisters & other near Relations on the subject of which Recommendation I request to be honoured with the Commands of His Excellency.—I am etc.

Beerhampore,
the 20th February 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[11]

Sir Alexr. Seton Bart.,
Collector of Kishenagur.

Sir,—I have this moment received your Letter of the 15th Instant enclosing one addressed to His Highness the Nawaub of Bengal said to be a public Letter.

The Regulations of Government require that I should be furnished with an authenticated Copy of all Letters which may be transmitted thro' me whether to His Highness the Nawaub or to any Persons attached to the Nizamut Department I have therefore to request that previous to the Delivery of your Letter I may be furnished with such Copy.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 20th February 1802.

T. Pattle,
Superint. of Nizt. Affairs.

[12]

Francis Gladwin Esqr.,
Collector of Government Customs at Patna.

Sir,—I take the Liberty to enclose you Copy of a Letter addressed to me by His Highness the Nawaub Nasir-ul-moolk and of the Arzee therein enclosed submitted to His Highness on the Subject of certain Duties demanded & levied on a boat proceeding to Moorshedabad with the usual monthly supply of Betel Leaf for the private consumption of His Highness & his family.

As I cannot question the assertion of His Highness that under the former Establishment of Sayer & Punchetra Duties Boats coming with necessaries for the immediate use of himself & family were exempt from demand of Duty I do not apprehend it to be the Intention of Government that he should now be liable to any unprecedented Demand of this nature. If however you entertain Doubts on the Subject you will of course have reference to the proper Channel for Information & orders ; & in the meantime I would submit to you that, pending the reference, no objection can I apprehend exist to your passing His Highness's boats free of Duty protempori keeping an exact Register & account thereof & ultimately if the Call upon him should be authorized I can at any time receive & remit the amount to you.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 8th March 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affrs.

[13]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Patna.

Sir,—I have the honour to transmit you for Information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General Copy of a Letter from Her Highness the Munnee Bhegum requesting me to Submit to the Consideration of His Lordship a Representation preferred by Syed Mehindy Ally Khan Behader who lately married a Grand-daughter of the late Nawaub Mahomed Jaffer Khan on the Subject of the allowance which has been settled upon him in consequence of his marriage.

I enclose his original Representation to the Munnee Bhegum as handed by her to me which is fully explanatory of the grounds on which he ventures to solicit an Increase of allowance & on a matter which rests purely on its avowed merits I respectfully presume it is not my Province to intrude any opinion but shall only observe that on a late Visit to the Bhegum His Highness expressed an anxious desire that the matter should be laid as early as I could before His Excellency the Governor General & a hope that the Petition would be favourably received appearing to think she had in her former representation not sufficiently attended to the

Justice of Syed Mehendy Ally Khans Pretention.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 17th March 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[14]

Thomas Hayes Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General having been pleased to signify to me thro' the Secretary to Government in the Political & Persian Departments that he had sanctioned the Establishment of Servants which I had Submitted as necessary to be attached to the Office of Superintendent of Nizamut Affairs I have taken the Liberty to send you the Abstract of the same for the month of January at the same time with my Abstract in the Judicial Department & I send also for your Information Mr. Secretary Edmonstones Letter to me of the 2nd Instant which I request you will do me the favour to return.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 17th March 1802.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

Abstract of Disbursements for the Establishment of the Nizamut Superintendent for January 1808

One Persian Moonshee		50
One Persian Mohrer		30
One English Writer		40
One Duftery or office keeper		6
Paper Pens Ink &ca. Country Stationery		10
One Nazir	12	
Two Chubdars at 6/8	13	
Two Soontahberdars at 6	12	
Eight Hircarrahs at 5	40	77
	Sicca Rupees	213

Moorshedabad,
Nizamut Department,
the 17th March 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

Received of Thos. Hayes Esqr., Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad the Sum of Sicca Rupees two hundred & thirteen (Sa. Rs. 213) being for Payment of the Establishment of the Nizamut Superintendent for the month of January as Pr. Particulars in the Abstract annexed.

Moorshedabad,
Nizamut Depratment,
the 17th March 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[15]

Thomas Hayes Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Being informed by Mr. Secretary Edmonstone that you are authorised to reimburse me the Sum of eight thousand five hundred Sicca Rupees (Sa. Rs. 8,500) expended for the Service, and by order of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General, I do myself the honour to enclose you my receipts in duplicate for the same, and have to request you will cause the amount to be paid to the Bearer.

I also enclose a small Bill for money disbursed by my Nazir in providing Bearers, Coolies &ca. for different Gentlemen of His Lordships Suite from Bogwangolah to this place and from hence to Plassey. As Major Malestin has proceeded with the Governor General, the Bill has at my request been attested by the Secretary in the Persian Department presuming you will deem that sufficient authority for discharging and including it with your other Disbursements of a similar nature, as I understand all Accounts of this description have been referred to you to settle.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 9th April 1802.

T. Pattle,
Superintd. Nizt. Affairs.

Received of Thomas Hayes Esqr., Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad the Sum of eight thousand five hundred Sicca Rupees (Sa. Rs. 8,500) for amount disbursed by me in Durbar Charges and expences by order and on account of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General.

Moorshedabad,
the 9th April 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supernt. Nizt. Affs.

The Hon'ble Company	*Dr.*
To 58 Bearers provided for the different Gentlemen in Lord Wellesley's Suite 3 days, pay to each at 4 as. pr. Diem	43- 8-0
To Seven Bangeydars at same rate	5- 4-0
To ten Massalchees and oil included	10- 4-0
To 51 Coolies @ 3 as. each for 3 Days	28-11-0
Sa Rs.	87-11-0

Moorshedabad,
the 9th April 1802.

E. E.
T. Pattle.

Received of Thomas Hayes Esqr. Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad the Sum of eighty seven Sicca Rupees and eleven annas (Sa.Rs. 87-11) for amount disbursed by me in hire of Bearers Coolies &ca. for His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General and his Suite as pr. particulars detailed in a Bill delivered to you attested by Mr. Secretary Edmonstone of equal date.,

Moorshedabad,
the 9th April 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nizt. Affairs.

[16]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I request you will do me the favour to submit to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General that I received yesterday letters couched in the most pressing terms from their Highnesses the Nawaub and the Munnee Bhegum entreating me to represent the very great Inconvenience they sustained from the payment of the Stipend being near three months in arrears at this particular time when the approaching Festival of the Mohurrum which must commence in fifteen days from the present date subjects them to very heavy expences (which can neither be avoided or delayed) in the necessary Preparations for celebrating the same, with becoming Splendor. They urge that they cannot rain[*sic*] the requisite supplies by Loan & therefore anxiously hope

His Lordship will honour them by an early attention to their wants at this Particular crisis. I understand the Collector has not at present resources to answer their Demands or any immediate Prospect of making them any considerable Payment on the Arrear due.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 19th April 1802.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affairs.*

[17]

R. W. Pattle Esqr.,
Magistrate of Zillah Dinagepore.

Sir,—His Highness the Nawaub Nassir-ul-Moolk having deputed his Darogah Mirza Jaffer Ally as annually customary to procure mangoes at Malda and other places within your district has desired me to furnish the Darogah with this Letter, and to request your attention to any application he may eventually find it necessary to prefer to you.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 22nd April 1802.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affairs.*

[18

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I had the honour to receive on the 23rd your Letter of the 21st ultimo & lost no time in making the necessary Representation to Her Highness the Bhubboo Bhegum to induce her to discharge the Debt claimed under a Judgement of the Dewanny Adawult of Zillah Moorshedabad. The Intervention of the Mohurrum Holidays and a retard of payment of the Nizamut allowances has caused some delay beyond my wishes & the Intentions of the Bhegum but I have now the pleasure to inform you that the amount of the Decree in question was discharged yesterday.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 21st May 1802.

T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.*

[19]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I take the Liberty to inform you that I have received from the Nawaub Meer Mohomed Kauzim youngest son of the late Nawaub Muzuffar Jung a very earnest & pressing Representation touching the extreme urgency of his Distress and entreating I will solicit you to take an early opportunity of submitting his case to the human and considerate attention of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General as detailed in the Arzee addressed to His Excellency which I had the honour to put into your Hands at the time you was last at this City.

I have every reason to believe that his Statement of the difficulties he labours under is by no means exaggerated nor have I any hesitation in respectfully submitting an Opinion that neither the Stipend hitherto allowed him by his brother Delawaur Jung of 140 Rs. or that of Rs. 200 now proposed to be assigned for his Maintenance are by any means adequate to his reasonable exigencies, or apportioned (with reference to the degree of affinity in which Mohomed Kauzim stands) and to the allotment of provision made for other branches of the family as detailed in the Arzee to the aggregate amount of stipend Rs. 11,200 pr. Mensem allotted by Government and regularly paid to the Nawaub Delawaur Jung not merely for himself but for the support of the different branches of his family as fully explained in the Instructions of the Right Hon'ble Earl Cornwallis of the 21st December 1792 addressed to the Pay Master of Nizamut stipends, and in His Lordship's Letter to the Nauwaub Delawaur Jung of the 29th December 1792.

I have too frequently had occasion to remind Dilawaur Jung of the tenor of that Letter in representations to him as well in writing as verbally thro' the Medicion [medium?] of his son who resides here & have pointed out the probability that under repeated Instances of Inattention on his part Government would make a distribution of the stipend allotted him & a specific Division for the support of those whom he is bound to maintain but my advice has hitherto not appeared to merit any attention on his part, and I have therefore found it incumbent to solicit the Commands of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General on the subject as complaints are preferred almost daily from every branch of the family of a similar nature to the representation now humbly submitted by his younger brother.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 27th May 1802.

T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.*

[20]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I take the Liberty to represent to you that I have received a very earnest Representation from Dowlut-ul Nessa Bhegum widow of Mahomed Hossain Cawn the elder brother of the late Nawaub Muzuffur Jung stating her extreme distress in consequence of her Pension, in which alone she depends for subsistence having been for several years past, entirely withheld by the Nawaub Delawaur Jung.

When you passed this place about two months ago her Vakeel delivered into your hands an Arzee addressed to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General, stating her situation and Embarrassments in particular detail to which I respectfully crave your reference, and have only to add her earnest wish that you may find an early opportunity of receiving and conveying to me the Commands of His Lordship on the subject thereof.

Altho' from Proximity of Kin Dowlut-ul-Nissa cannot be said to stand on ground of equal Pretension to the Nawaub Meer Mohomed Kawzim, whose situation I have had the honour to represent to you, in a separate Letter of this date still much of the Reasoning thereon used as far as relates to general principles and to the sentiments of Earl Cornwallis as communicated to Delawaur Jung, is equally applicable in the present Instance, but 'tis unnecessary for me to intrude on you with Repetition.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 27th May 1802.

T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nizt. Affrs.*

[21]

Thomas Brown Esqr.,
Commercial Resident at Patna.

Sir,—I have been requested by His Highness the Nawaub Nazir-ul-Moolk to request you will be so obliging as to forward his annual supply of salt Petre as early as may be convenient after the receipt of this Letter as his stock is entirely expended and before any consignment from you can reach this place the Bogaretty will be open for the admission of Boats of considerable Burthen.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 27th May 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affrs.

[22]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to enclose you an Arzee from Meer Aubool Hossein addressed to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General praying as appears by the copy deposited in my office for an allowance of subsistence as affecting to establish a Claim as one of the Aukrabah of the Nizamut. If such claim could be clearly established I might perhaps be permitted respectfully to suggest that it would be considered by the Nizamut Committee now sitting as claiming their consideration under the spirit of the 11th Paragraph of their Instructions but I am informed the Petitioner married a daughter of the late Mirza Daood not by his wife the Daughter of the Nawaub Meerun but by a concubine Named Khoodeyzutors Soultaun Bhegum who now receives a Pension of two hundred Rupees pr. month included in the allowance to the Family & Descendants of the Shawzaudah Daood Sultaun the Committee therefore could probably consider this allowance as fully adequate to the extent of his Pretensions combined with the indispensable exigencies which press on the Nizamut Funds. It therefore only remains for me to await the Commands of His Excellency the Governor General on the Petition now forwarded.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 27th May 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[23]

William Brodie Esqr.,
Acting Judge of the Dewanny Adawlut of Zillah
Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 28th Instant addressed to the President of the Nizamut Committee.

I shall immediately address the Bubbhoo Bhegum requesting she will forthwith pay into your Court the balance of Sa.Rs. 1,677-7 stated to be due as Interest on the Amount of the Judgement passed against her in February 1800.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 29th May 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[24]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—On the 21st Ultimo I had the honour to advise you in answer to your Letter of the 21st of April that Her Highness the Bhubboo Bhegum had satisfied the Judgement given against her in the Court of Dewanny Adawlut of Zillah Moorshedabad as stated in your said Letter. I wrote this under Information from the Bhubboo Bhegum corroborated by the receipts produced by her Officers for the Payment of the money.

2. I have subsequently received an application from the Acting Judge of the Zillah stating that exclusive of the Sum of Rs. 8,351-13 paid in there was still due from the Bhegum on the score of Interest accruing prior and subsequent to the Decision the further Sum of Sa. Rs. 3,315-7-15-1 which the Zillah Judge requested I would call upon her to make good.

In compliance with his request & conformably to my Idea of the Sentiments of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General founded on your Letter, I accordingly addressed Her Highness pressingly on the Subject. I have now the honour to submit to you Copy of her answer to me, which I request you will lay before His Lordship, and communicate to me his pleasure as to the admission or rejection of Plea set up by Her Highness to evade payment of the Sum claimed for Interest & I have signified to the Zillah Judge that until I receive thro' you the Commands of His Excellency it will neither be expedient or availing to repeat the Demand upon the Bhegum.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 8th June 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[25]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to acquaint you for the Information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General that I have been informed by the Nawaub Syed Murteza Khan Behadre of the demise of his Mother Faizulutul Nessa Bhegum, who received from the Stipend settled upon the Nawaub Saidoo, for his Maintenance, one thousand Rupees pr. month for her separate Subsistence this allowance will I suppose merge into the Stipend drawn monthly by Syed Murteza Khan granted when the Treaty was concluded between the Hon'ble East India Company & the Nawaub Jaffeer Ally Cawn & continued ever since without deviation or Reduction. If it should be necessary to convey any Instructions on this head to the Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad I shall doubtless receive through you Information of His Lordship's pleasure on the Subject.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 12th June 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[26]

Gladwin Esqr.,
Collector of Government Customs, Patna.

Sir,—I had the honour to receive in due course your Letter of the 7th ultimo enclosing Copy of a Letter to

your Address from Mr. Secretary Edmonstone, the Contents of which I immediately communicated to His Highness the Nawaub, who has this day sent me by the Darogah of his Tumbool Khanah a verbal Representation stating that notwithstanding the prohibitory orders issued by His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General boats proceeding with his usual monthly supply of Betel leaf & Cutch for the use of His Highnesses family are still stopt at Ghauts subject to your authority & Duties thereon demanded & levied. In support of his assertion the Darogah has produced two Rowannahs under your Seal & signature the one being No. 5142 bearing date the 20th April 1802 stating the levy of Rs. 4-2-5 the other No. 418 dated the 24 May 1802 for Receipt of Sa.Rs. 3-1.

I request you will be pleased to enquire into the nature of this representation that you will cause restitution of the money levied subsequent to & in violation of the Orders issued by His Excellency the Governor General & that you will give such Directions to your People as may prevent similar Interruption & Exactions in future.

On my part to obviate the Possibility of mistakes I will request the Nawaub to furnish the Persons in charge of his boats with Passes or Dustucks authenticating their Identity & other attaching circumstances and will also furnish them with a Certificate officially attested by myself.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 14th June 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[27]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to transmit you herewith a Letter from a Person calling himself Harpur Ally Khan addressed to the Nawaub Nasser-ul-Moolk and handed to me by His Highness for the purpose of my forwarding it to you that you may submit it to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General by whose Directions it appears to have been sent to the Nawaub thro' his Vakeel in Calcutta ; the Nawaub observes in his Letter to me that he declines breaking the Seal or perusing the Letter because he is an entire stranger to the writer and never before even heard his name which he requested may be imparted to you that, if necessary, you may mention it to His Lordship.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 16th June 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[28]

John Miller Esqr.,
Collector of Kishenagur.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th Instant enclosing one addressed to His Highness the Nawaub.

I request you will pardon the Liberty I take of craving your reference to my address to your Predecessor Sir Alexander Seton of date the 20th February & of expressing my desire that you will conform to the established usage as prescribed by the Regulations of Government & transmit me a copy of the Letter you have forwarded.

As I am satisfied you will not hesitate to do so, the want of that official form being completed would not occasion my delaying the delivery of your Letter under the explanation you have given me of its purport & tendency if I had not observed a material deficiency in the Alkaub or form of address on the Superscription proceeding probably from want of Conversancy on the part of your Moonshee in these matters I take the Liberty of enclosing for your Information the form of Style usually adopted in addresses to His Highness leaving it in your option to adopt it & to send me another Letter to be substituted or to intimate your wish that I should deliver that you have already forwarded. In the latter Case under the usual Tenacity of the Natives of Rank in matters of form & Etiquette it will probably give umbrage & induce Remonstrance.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 17th June 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[29]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the Honour to transmit you under Cover herewith addresses to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General from His Highness the Nawaub Nassur-ul-Moolk and Her Highness the Munnee Bhegum on the subject of their Intention to remove from his office Rajah Mahanund the present Dewan of the household, and to suffer the situation to remain vacant until the Committee appointed for the general Revision of the Nizamut Establishment shall have submitted their report which will have of course reference to this Branch of such Establishment.

The Committee had the honour to address you on the 16th Instant submitting for the Information of His Excellency the Governor General Proceedings held by them exhibiting their sentiments generally on the nature and Duties of the Office of Dewan and on the expediency under existing Circumstances of making a material change in that Department. To these Sentiments and to the reference now made for the Commands of His Lordship touching the present Incumbent I feel it my Duty to add that during the period I held the Paymastership of Nizamut Stipends and since my appointment to my present office I have had but too frequent Occasion to remark on the Incompetency of Rajah Mahanund to his situation and also to observe his great neglect of his Duties & repeated Instances of Inattention and Disrespect to their Highnesses the Nawab & Bhegum and have been surprized that application was not made long since to His Lordship for his sanction to the Dewans being displaced.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 22nd June 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[30]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the Honour to transmit under Cover herewith addresses to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General from His Highness the Nawab

Nussurul Moolk and from Her Highness the Munnee Bhegum respecting the repairs requisite to the present and the necessity for the early Construction of a new Palace for the Residence of His Highness.

In expectation of receiving His Lordship's Commands on the subject of the present reference as intimated in the 10th Paragraph of the Letter of Instructions to the Committee appointed for the revision of the Nizamut establishment I have till now delayed intruding on His Excellency with any representation on this score but in transmitting the Letters now submitted for His Lordships Inspection I feel it my Duty respectfully to represent that their Highnesses the Nawaub & Bhegums representations on the present state of the Palace are by no means exaggerated the Dilapidations to be apprehended from the state in which His Excellency saw it a few months since occur very frequently and as the Rains have this year set in uncommonly early and with a degree of violence which I never before witnessed during a residence of so many years in this Country I cannot but apprehend that the greatest Part of the present tottering Fabric will not resist the force of the rainy season and in the event of its coming down independent of the immediate consequences to be apprehended the Position of the Nawab will be critically unpleasant as I am not aware that there is in or adjacent to the city any House calculated for the occupancy of His Highness which on the spur of occasion could either be purchased or rented. In addition to these Considerations the period of the Rainy months affords the best opportunity of providing & transporting stores requisite for a building of magnitude more especially the material articles of Timbers & Chunam the costs of which must be greatly enhanced when water carriage cannot be brought into aid.

As His Excellency the Governor General has so lately seen the Nawaubs present Habitation I have not thought it necessary to submit any particular report on the state of it.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 23rd June 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[31]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to transmit you under Cover herewith copy of a Letter which I have this day received from the Nawaub Syed Murteza Khan Behadre and of an Enclosure in said Letter which he states to be copy of one written to him by the late Mr. Middleton formerly Resident at this Durbar on the part of the British Government.

As I had the pleasure of addressing you on the 19th February and 12th Instant on the Subject of the appropriation of the allowances derived by the late Salia Bhegum and Faizulut-ul Nessa Bhegum respectively I do not feel it necessary to intrude with any further Representation on the subject of the Documents now forwarded but have only to add that I respectfully avail the Commands of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General on the several References made subsequent to the Demise of the two Bhegums abovementioned.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 23rd June 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[32]

Thomas Hayes Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Conformably to the Instruction given me in the concluding Paragraph of a Letter dated the 19th Instant this day received from the Secretary to Government in the Persian Department I have now the Honour to transmit under Cover herewith Copy of the said Letter for your Information and guidance with respect to the Stipend heretofore received by Faizulut-ool-Nessa Bhegum deceased late mother of the Nawaub Saidoo.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 28th June 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[33]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to transmit you for the Information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General copy of a letter from His Highness the Nawaub, requesting me to submit to the Consideration of His Lordship a Representation preferred by Syed Mehindy Ally Khan Behader who lately married a Granddaughter of the late Nawaub Meer Mahomed Jaffer Khan on the subject of the allowance which has been settled upon him in consequence of his marriage.

I enclose his original Representation to the Nawaub as handed by His Highness to me which is fully explanatory of the Grounds on which ventures to solicit an Increase of allowance, & on a matter which rests purely on its avowed merits. I shall not presume to intrude any opinion.

It is necessary I should observe that these Documents ought to have been transmitted to you long since they were received by me when His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General was at this Station but in the Bustle occasioned by that circumstance, were mislaid & my Moonshee having been indisposed for a considerable time afterwards they were not thought of until the receipt of your Letter of the 12th ultimo which brought the Subject of Mahummud Mehdie Khan's application immediately to my notice. Conformably to the Spirit of your Instructions in the Letter of date above quoted Mahommud Mehdies case and the Documents appertaining to it have all been submitted to the Nizamut Committee and I have at the same time considered it incumbent to lay before them Copies of the Papers which I have now the honour to forward to you Intreating you will judge indulgently & report favourably of the omission which has occurred.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 5th July 1802.

T. Pattle,
Superintendent of Nizt. Affairs.

[34]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit you under Cover herewith for the Information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council copies of Letters from their Highnesses the Nawaub & Munnee Bhegum advising that the Nawaub had thought proper to settle a Pension of One hundred Rupees p. mensem upon Syed Allee Reza Cawn son of Sherifutdeen Ally Cawn and of sixty Rupees upon Zeenut ul Nessa his wife chargeable upon the Nizamut Funds. The Circumstances which have induced these Grants are detailed in the Letters submitted & as it has not been usual to report particularly in Instances of this nature, I should not have intruded on the present Occasion with a report on this subject, if the Affairs of the Nizamut had not been at present under the revision of a Committee to whom I have deemed it necessary to state the Circumstance as well in conformity to the Spirit of the orders of His Excellency the Governor General Conveyed in your letters of the 12th, 19th & 24th ultimo as in compliance with the suggestion of the Nawaub himself.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 8th July 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[35]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to transmit you under Cover herewith for the Information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council copies of Letters from their Highnesses the Nawaub & Munnee Bhegum advising that the Nawaub had thought proper to Settle upon his younger Brothers (Sons of the Nawaub Mobarekul Dowlah Deceased) Syed Aubool Hossein and Meer Mahomed Ally a Pension of three hundred Rupees pr. mensem each for their present subsistence and support. These young men have not to the present time had any specific or distinct Provision or Establishment which I mentioned in my report made to the Nizamut Committee on the 16th of April which accompanied the Committee's letter to you of that date.

As the Allowance now granted is merely temporary & considerably within the Scale of Pension which by the Resolutions of Government of the 14th November 1796, the Nawaub is authorized to allot for the support of the younger Branches of the family I should not have deemed it necessary to intrude upon you with a report on this subject, if the Affairs of the Nizamut had not been at present under the revision of a Committee to whom I have deemed it necessary to state the circumstance as well in conformity to the spirit of the orders of His Excellency the Governor General conveyed in your Letters of the 12th, 19th & 24th ultimo as in compliance with the suggestion of the Nawaub himself, besides which it is evident that it becomes necessary the Committee should be regularly informed of all circumstances which occur to occasion any change in the Appropriation of the Nizamut assets to enable them to regulate their proceedings & prepare their reports in conformity.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 8th July 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[36]

Thomas Brown Esqr.,
Commercial Resident at Patna.

Sir,—The Bearer arrived here on Friday in charge of the Saltpetre dispatched by you on the 22d ultimo for the supply of His Highness the Nawaub. It has been weighed with the least possible Detention to your People and turns out nine hundred & eight Maunds thirty seven seers of Rs. 79- As. 6 Sa. Wt. to the seer. The receipt of Sheodyaul Sheristadar to the Meersaumanee Department is transmitted under Cover herewith and.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 19th July 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[37]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I do myself the honour to forward you herewith a Letter addressed to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General by His Highness the Nawaub Nussurul Moolk. In a late Interview with the Nawaub he expressed a very anxious desire that I would obtain for him an Extension of His Lordships Indulgence in a general Permission to proceed as far as the neighbourhood of Rajemuhal on excursion whether for Health, change of air or enjoying the sports of fishing and hunting without the necessity & delay attending a particular and specific application on each separate occasion, hitherto His Highness has not moved beyond the distance of twelve or fifteen coss without previous communication with Government. I take the Liberty respectfully to observe that I am not aware of any possible objection to a compliance with His Highness's wish.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 23rd July 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affrs.

[38]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to transmit you copy of a Letter from Her Highness the Munnee Bhegum received this day which I request you will submit to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General and obtain for me his orders on the subject of the Bhegums representation, by the tenor of her Letter & by the Report of her Agent Roy Monick Chund it appears that she solicits not merely orders for the free Transportation of sundry cloths & articles for the immediate domestic Consumption of the Dewries but that she complains of Interruptions which occur on the part of the officers of the customs at Dacca in the purchase and provision of the articles at that City. I have not been able to ascertain the nature of the obstacles complained of but the point is much insisted on by Her Highnesses Dewan. In other respects the application is similar to that which I made to Mr. Gladwin in March on which His Lordship was pleased to give early & appropriate Instructions.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 23rd July 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affrs.

[39]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I do myself the honour to forward you herewith a Letter addressed to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General by His Highness the Nawaub on the subject of Encroachments committed on his Rumnah by some recent Neelaumdars in the Rajeshahy District.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 31st July 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of the Nizt. Affairs.

[40]

Francis Gladwin Esqr.,
Collector of Government Customs, Patna.

Sir,—I am concerned to find by your Letter of the 21st Instant that I have by a Misrepresentation been induced to trouble you with an unfounded complaint. I shall cause particular enquiry to be made to ascertain where the fault lies that the author of the fabricated Report may be furnished [punished?] as he deserves. —I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 31st July 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[41]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have received since Sunday the 8th Instant several representations as well written as verbal from their Highnesses the Nawaub & Bhegum on the subject of the immediate distress sustained and their great Dread of further impending calamity from the inundated state at a period beyond all precedent early of that part of the city in which the Kellah and its dependencies are situated and in compliance with their wish repeatedly expressed I have the honour to enclose you herewith copy of a representation and state of Facts addressed me on the 13th Instant by Roy Monick Chund under orders from his superiors.

As the Committee of Embankments have under date the 14th Instant reported very fully for the Information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council on the occurrences which have recently taken place connected with their Department on the alarming present appearance of the Waters and the unpromising Prospect of greater mischief during the protracted remaining Period of the rainy season it becomes unnecessary for me to go into detail of that nature in this address which is submitted rather under promise given (which I could not withhold) to their Highnesses the Nawaub & Bhegum than under any sense of necessity for present representation in this department.

My time has been so fully engaged ever since Sunday last in the business attaching to the Committee of Embankments that I have been unable to meet the wishes of the Nawaub & Bhegum by paying a visit of Inspection to the Kellah & City but I hope to find leisure to accomplish it in the course of tomorrow or next day in the meantime I have desired Captain Parlby to proceed to the City for the purpose of ascertaining what effect the Inundation has had generally and particularly the state of the Killah and its dependent Buildings and whether any expedient occurs to him for relieving the present Inconvenience the Nawaub and his family are exposed to or for obviating the mischief attaining greater height. It will at least evince attention to the situation of Parties which I am satisfied His Lordship will approve my paying and it will be very satisfactory if upon Captain Parlby's report I may be enabled to quiet the apprehensions of the Dewries particularly of further impending consequences. After visiting the City I shall report further for His Excellency's Information.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, Sunday, the 15th August 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[42]

Captain James Parlby,
Superintendent of Embankments for the Division of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Being called upon to report to Government the present state of the city and its immediate neighbourhood as to the effect of the Inundation in consequence of the accident which occurred at Lollbaug on the 8th Instant I have to request you will as early as convenient proceed to Moorshedabad and make as particular a survey as circumstances shall permit of the condition of the city in general, as connected stating also whether Inundation and consequent distress to any extent has been experienced from the breach near Ghysepoor North of the city or from the failure of any other Bunds in the neighbourhood thereof or from any Bunds being outtopped by the great rise of the River.

2. I must at the same time call your particular attention to the Kellah as I had received repeated & very pressing accounts from the Nawaub & the Bhegum of the distressing situation they are now in, and of the considerable alarm they feel of further probable Dangers. It would be very satisfactory to me if I could upon your report in any degree quiet their apprehensions of impending resque to the Kellah & its dependencies. It is reported to me that the water is only kept out of the Kellah by a small Bund thrown up recently on the spur of the occasion and that the stable Gowkhanah and other Offices are completely inundated. You will of course suggest to me any expedient that may occur to you for relieving the present Inconvenience His Highness the Nawaub & family are exposed to, or for obviating the Mischief attaining greater height or importance.

3. By a written report which I received yesterday evening from the City Magistrate, I am led to hope the evil has been but partially felt on the City ; and in no part to any serious extent ; but the Magistrate does not hand to me his report as resulting from personal observation, and the Representations made as well from the Durbar as from many natives of consequence give rise to more serious alarm, this diversity of opinion more pressingly induces the necessity of the present call upon you. Business of the most pressing Nature has hitherto prevented my visiting the city but I shall do it at my

first leisure tomorrow or at farthest on Tuesday.—I am etc.

T. Pattle,
Prest. of Commee. of Embankts. & Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

Chumpahpokre,
Sunday, the 15th August 1802.

[43]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Conformably to the Intimation I had the honour to give you in my address of Sunday I Yesterday visited the Kellah & inspected the State of the City accompanied by Capt. Parlby who had not an earlier Opportunity of proceeding thither.

2. I have much satisfaction in acquainting you that I found the Injury sustained by the Waters much less considerable than from the Representations made by the Durbar & from other Quarters I had reason to expect, the Distress has certainly been severe as far as it reached but it has been partial & confined to the southern extremity of the city and the Environs in the Direction more than three fourths of the City having entirely escaped Injury.

3. The Water rose high on the Chouk or main square & extended to the Skirts of the Kellah washing the Eastern & Southern Walls especially that Quarter of the Building which includes the Dewries or Mahal Serais the Alarm & construction [*sic*] was very great amongst the women Inhabitants aggravated doubtless from its being quite a novel circumstance for the Water to take that Directions the Kellah has escaped Bildars and Workmen of various descriptions have been employed night & day to threw up small Bunds round the Kellah & to discharge the Rain water which had accumulated within in consequence of the necessity for Stopping all the drains. The whole appearance within & without was very unseemly and uncomfortable but as the River has fallen upwards of a foot within the last three days & the water was receding in every direction I hope the worst is over as the River began to fall on the Spring taking off we have reason to expect a progressive continued fall until next Springs which may afford the Ability & means of repairing the breach in the Lollbaug Bunds & Poostah.

4. The Gowkhanah & generally all the Nawaubs Out Offices adjoining the Kellah have suffered considerably and the houses of all the Attendants & menial Servants attached to the Household are under water, we cannot be surprized that this should have excited alarm proportionate to the Distress experienced.

5th. I paid my personal Respects to their Highnesses the Nawaub & Bhegum & found them both well but the latter considerably alarmed & extremely impatient under the pressure of difficulties to which she had hitherto been a stranger and which she was disposed to ascribe to the want of timely & sufficient precaution of those who had the Superintendence of the Embankments I used every argument in my power but apparently with little success to quiet her apprehensions & give her renewed confidence.

6th. I entreat you to submit as opportunity may be afforded the substance of this Address to the Information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General.—I have etc.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

Moorshedabad,
the 18th August 1802.

[44]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—Late in the evening after closing my address to you of yesterday I received the Letters which go enclosed addressed to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General by their Highnesses the Nawaub & Munnee Bhegum on the subject of the late Inundation.

I have only to add to my former reports that the River continues to fall that the Waters subside in consequence in all directions & with them the distresses of the lower Class of Natives.—I have etc.

Thos. Pattle,
Supt. of Nt. Affairs.

Moorshedabad,
the 19th August 1802.

[45]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to enclose you Copy of a Letter addressed me by Her Highness the Bhegum with an Arzee accompanying it from Azmut-ul-nessa Bhegum reporting the decease of Syed Jaffeer Ally her Grandson who enjoyed a Pension from the Nizamut of Rs. 125 in the Class of "Molazimaun Imteeazzy." The Munnee Bhegum recommends that this Pension be continued for the support of Azmut-ul-Neesa above named Grandmother of the Deceased. It has always been usual in Instances of this nature for the Nawaub to appropriate of his own authority lapsed Pensions of this description which it has not been the Practice to report to Government thro' this office but as the affairs of the Nizamut are at present under revision of a Committee I have reported the Circumstance to them & submitted it in this form thro' you to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General on the Principle stated in my Address of the 8th July.

The Committee in their general Revision of the Nizamut Establishment when this Pension came under their consideration as enjoyed by the deceased Syed Jaffer Ally (a Minor) proposed a reduction of fifty Rupees, when this was suggested to the Nawaub & Bhegum they reported to the Committee the death of Minor; & then recommended that of the Rs. 125 lapsed one hundred only should be settled upon Azmut-ul-Nessa & twenty five be resumed, but the Committee were not disposed to vary their original resolution. I state this Circumstance here perhaps somewhat out of its place only to shew that the matter has been considered by the Committee which supersedes the necessity of a further reference to them and upon this occasion I avail myself of the Opportunity of stating to you that the Committee have gone thro' the whole Revision of Pensions, Salaries &ca. have submitted their Sentiments of their Highnesses the Nawaub & Bhegum received their Answers & remarks in consequence and having considered the same have

adopted their final Resolutions to accompany their report to Government when the other objects of their Instructions shall have been fulfilled and as their Statements of Retrenchments &ca. are made up It would be a great Interruption and endless trouble for them to introduce variations in sundry general Statements connected with each other on the occasion of every alteration by Death or other contingent circumstance.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 20th August 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

46

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to acquaint you for the Information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General that I have received Letter from their Highnesses the Nawaub and Bhegum stating the Death of the Nawaub Futty Ally Khan son of the Nawaub Meer Mohomed Sauduk Khan (alias the Nawaub Meerun) and Grandson in regular lineal Descent of the Nawaub Meer Mahomed Jaffur Cawn. He is said to have died on the 1st Instant of the small pox.

This Gentleman received a Pension of Rs. 360 pr. mensem in the Nizamut Department included in the allowances to the Akrabah or Relations of the Nawaub declared hereditary by the resolutions of Government of the 3rd of September 1790 and also a monthly Stipend from Government issuing directly from the Collectors office of Rs. 500. Their Highnesses the Nawaub & Bhegum recommended that both these allowances be settled upon Syed Ahmed Ally the eldest son of the deceased for his immediate support and that of the numerous family left by the deceased Nawaub Futteh Ally Khan which the letters from the Durbar report consist of an aged Mother, a wife sundry Concubines three sons & five daughters, two of the latter marriageable and a numerous tribe of Slaves & Dependents. The Letters also mention that the Debts of the deceased amount at least to the sum of Rs. 26,000.

The allowance of Rs. 360 being connected with the Nizamut Establishment now under revision of a Committee I shall of course report to them the Casualty which has occurred craving your reference to my address of the 20th Instant which states the Stage to which their business of their Commissions advanced as precluding their adapting their Statements & reports to the constant fluctuation of Circumstances.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 27th August 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[47]

Thomas Hayes Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Ever since the demise of Faizul-ut-Nissa Bhegum and especially for the last five or six weeks I have been much importuned by the clamors of sundry Persons said to be her menial servants praying Payment of arrears of wages due to them at the time of her death. I referred them in the first Instance to the Nawaub Saidoo but on their stating that they could there get no redress nor even access to his presence I sent for the principal ministerial officer of the deceased Bhegum for the purpose of ascertaining the nature and extent of their Demands and comparing their claims with his account. The Nawaub Saidoo after making some difficulties permitted Punchum Loll the Dewan of his deceased mother to attend me and it appears on inspecting his Accounts that the sum of Rs. 1,181-14-15 is due to sundry menial servants thirty eight in number this does not go the whole, but nearly to the extent of their demands and as Punchum Loll admits the claim I wrote to Meer Saidoo to request he would discharge it as also the Claims of four Moodee for necessaries supplied to the deceased amounting to Rs. 685-12-0 admitted by Punchum Loll to be just demands. The Nawaub Saidoo writes me in answer that tho' the demands are just he has no possible means of discharging them but from the arrears of stipend due to the deceased Bhegum at the time of her death which he states to be her allowance for April & May amounting to Rs. 2,000. As the deranged state of Saidoos finances is matter of notoriety and it would be very hard People of this description who live from hand to mouth should lose the wages due to them I beg to submit to you the expediency of issuing either to the Nawaub Saidoo or to Punchum Loll so much of the arrears due to Faizul-ut Nessa Bhegum at her death as will liquidate those demands under sufficient Precaution that it is not diverted to any other purpose.

I enclose herewith a list of the Claimants and of the sums respectively due to each.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 23rd September 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[48]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I take the Liberty to transmit you under Cover herewith Copy of a Letter addressed by me yesterday to the Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad and of his answer thereto on the subject of which it is needless for me to detain you with any further explanation. You will judge of the expediency of submitting the matter to His Excellency the Governor General for his Determination and orders, the object is almost too inconsiderable to warrant such Intrusion but the Parties especially the menial servants of the lower Classes plead and appear to suffer real distress and it is certain that they either want ability or inclination to employ their time otherwise than in clamorous Importunity at my Door for satisfaction and Relief.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 24th Septr. 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[49]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I had the honour to receive in due course your Letter of the 28th of August enclosing Translation of the Declaration addressed by His Excellency the Most Noble

the Governor General to the Surviving Relations & attendants of the deceased Haeyee Khulleel Khaun late ambassador from the Persian Court to the British Government.

2. In obedience to your Directions I communicated this Declaration to His Highness the Nawaub to the Bhegums respectively & to such other persons of distinction residing in and near Moorshedabad as from birth situation in life, fortune, habits of Intercourse with our Government or other Claims to respectability appears entitled to receive a Copy thereof in explanation of His Excellency's Sentiments on an Occurrence so much to be regretted & I requested His Highness the Nawaub would give every Publicity to the Declaration amongst the dependants of the Household of the Superior Classes.

I have received from several quarters answers to the Communication so made by authority generally expressive of concern at the unfortunate occurrence & of Sentiments of the most decided Respect & grateful consideration of the motives by which His Excellency has been actuated to offer in terms of such expressive energy explanation & Condolence to the surviving Parties these I reserve as records of my Office unless you shall be pleased to give Orders for my transmitting them.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 15th October 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[50]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 3rd ultimo conveying Letters from His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General to their Highnesses the Nawaub & the Munnee Bhegum on the Subject of the proposed demission [dismission?] of Rajah Mahanund from his Office of Dewan & the intended resumption of the allowances at present enjoyed by Rajah Soonder Singh & his Family.

2. I delivered these Letters personally to their Highnesses in order to avail myself in obedience to the tenor of the Second Paragraph of your Instructions of the Opportunity of urging such arguments as might tend to induce on the part of the Nawaub & Bhegum a ready & unqualified Compliance with the Spirit of their Contents & the Intentions of His Excellency.

3. I have now the honour to enclose herewith Answers addressed by their Highnesses to the Most Noble the Governor General.

4. In the Communication I had with the Nawaub and Bhegum on the Subject of framing an arrangement for the future regular and efficient discharge of the Duties of the Dewan of the Nizamut, I found their Minds impressed with a Sense of the expediency of reducing the expence of the Establishment in question to the Standard proposed by the Committee as well as a principle of Oeconomy which the Situation of the Department generally so loudly called for as because the Duties attching were now so inconsiderable and in consequent (illegible) comparatively with former times when the present Establishment was fixed. At the same time it was stated by their Highness's that adverting to the reputed & ostensible Importance attached to the Office of Dewan & its implied relative Connection with themselves as an appendage of the Subahdarry with reference to its former Dignity & splendor a degree of discredit would attach to its being put on a footing so greatly reduced it was therefore their united wish that under existing Circumstances for the present at least the Office of Dewan might remain dormant and its necessary functions be discharged by a proper Person under the Designation of Naib Dewan on a Salary of five hundred Rupees pr. mensem. I enquired if the Nawab had any particular Person in contemplation for the Office on the footing their described & he mentioned a person named Achent Roy a Selection which I afterwards found had the Concurrence & approbation of the Munny Bhegum. I am not acquainted with nor ever saw the Party but I understand him to be a Man of reputed Ability & good character who has formerly held Situations of Trust under Government particularly in the Purneah District, from the result of general enquiry & Information obtained I am not aware of any Objection to the Name brought forward nor does it occur to me that there is ought objectionable in the proposition submitted by the Nawaub & Bhegum for the arrangement of the Department of the Nizamut Dewan on the footing described. It is therefore my Intention at the next meeting of the Nizamut Committee to propose carrying this arrangement into effect under the authority delegated in the second Paragraph of your Letter to the Committee of the 3rd ultimo unless I should hear from you in the interim that any part of the Plan does not exactly meet His Excellency's approbation. To obviate any Possibility of Misconception on my part on the matter in question, on leaving the Kellah I requested His Highness the Nawaub would be pleased to communicate in writing the substance of his & the Bhegums wishes on the Subject and I have now the honour to enclose Copy of a Letter addressed me in consequence which I received only yesterday.

5. I request you will be pleased to assure the Most Noble the Governor General that I used every argument in my power to convince the Nawaub & Bhegum of the propriety as well as necessity of resuming the Allowances derived by Rajah Soonder Singh in virtue of the Grant to his deceased son but found them both anxiously desirous that it should continue on its present footing for the remaining term only of Soonder Singhs life who is represented to be very far advanced in years from the tenor of the Letters which I have now the honour to transmit His Excellency will perceive how tenaciously this Object is desired by their Highnesses under Impressions of delicacy & respect to the memory of the Granter and as my efforts to obtain an unconditional acquiescence with His Excellencys wish were not only Strenuously but repeatedly exerted feeling it my duty to press every argument in full & deliberate detail I venture under failure of Success respectfully to submit that it appears to me if the simples [?] of the Nawaub & Bhegum are by His Excellencys ultimate determination decidedly overruled it will occasion them serious & permanent Mortification & Regret. The Committee have certainly assumed the Allowance in question as an Object for immediate Resumption & available resource, but if the present Incumbent is as represented old & infirm his enjoying it for life would probably prove no material retard to the application of the Sum to its destined pur-

pose the relief of existing Incumbrance by the speedy liquidation of the Nawaub's Debts.

The Committee having completed their Deliberations on the Subjects referred to them I am employed in framing a general Report of the whole proceedings & in digesting and giving systematic arrangement to the propositions which it has been judged expedient to bring forward. It is a task which requires time & deliberate attention and the inevitable Interruption of other public Duties will necessarily retard its completion especially as I have now been many months without subordinate aid in the Judicial Department I take the liberty briefly to State so much perhaps somewhat out of regular course to account for apparent Delay.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 15th October 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[51]

Major General Brisco,
&ca. &ca. &ca., Commanding at Berhampore.

Sir,—I have the honour to transmit you Copy of a Letter received late yesterday from His Highness the Nawaub Nassurool-ool Moolk enclosing an Arzee delivered to him by Shewook Loll & Loll Chund (Copy of which Arzee also waits upon you herewith) in behalf of their Relations Chummun Loll & Magoo Loll Dependants of the Household who are in the said Arzee stated to have been apprehended in the City on Saturday last by an Havildar and a Party of Sepoys & conveyed to the Cantonment where they are it is asserted still in Confinement ; by the tenor of the Arzee it would appear that the Sepoys were at the time of apprehending these People guilty of much violence & outrage. I have addressed the Nawaub to request he will send to me the Parties who have delivered this extraordinary Representation for the purpose of more particularly informing myself of Circumstances relating to their Complaint & in the meantime I take the Liberty of requesting that if you shall upon enquiry find that the Parties described have been thus violently & illegally apprehended & that they are detained in confinement at Berhampore. You will have the Goodness to send them to me & under the assurances given by His Highness I will take care that they shall previous to being enlarged find good sufficient Security to appear & answer when required to any charge exhibited before a regular and competent Tribunal of Authority—at the same time if any particular Objection subsists to their being liberated in the manner I have proposed I am persuaded you will honour me with such explanation on the Subject as may enable me to answer satisfactorily to the application made by His Highness the Nawaub.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 18th October 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affrs.

[52]

Major General Brisco,
&ca. &ca. &ca., Commanding at Berhampore.

Sir,—I have the honour to enclose you Copy of a Letter received late yesterday evening from His Highness the Nawaub Nusserool Moolk Stating that a Detachment which was on Saturday & Sunday encamped at the cross roads adjoining to Cantonments had yesterday morning encamped on the Ground appropriated to His Highnesses Pheel Khanah at the entrance of the City & had compelled the keepers to move the Elephants from their Station.

As I understand this detachment moved this morning to Bomoneah the Inconvenience complained of as far as it has relation to them no longer exists & indeed you will observe the Object of His Highnesses Letter is rather to solicit on your part favourable Interposition by the Issue of orders to obviate the recurrence of similar unpleasant Circumstance than to intrude with Complaint respecting what has past.

I am persuaded it is unnecessary for me to urge anything to induce a Compliance with His Highnesses reasonable request as far as your authority extends.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 19th October 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[53]

Thomas Hayes Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Having on the 24th ultimo submitted to the Consideration of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General Copies of my Letter to you of the 23d & of your Answer of the same date His Excellency has been pleased to acquaint me thro' the Secretary to Government in the Political Department that he authorizes your disbursing the amount of Arrears of Stipend due to the late Fuzzeel-ut-nessa Begum at the time of her decease for the purpose of Discharging the amount of wages due to her Servants after which any surplus that shall remain will be carried to the Credit of her legal Heirs.

His Excellency is pleased to direct that I shall communicate to you this Intimation as an authority to you to disburse the Sum required, and His Lordship further directs that the disbursement shall be made under my immediate Superintendence.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 20th October 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[54]

Major General Brisco,
Commanding at Berhampore.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 19th Instant & have agreeably to your Wish communicated to His Highness the Nawaub the Steps you have been so obliging as to take to mark your Displeasure at the Intrusion which has occurred upon his Pheelkhanah and to prevent the Recurrence of similar Inconvenience in future.

His Highness has requested me to express his acknowledgement for the prompt attention paid to his Representation & his most ample Conviction that from your Judgment experience & general consideration he shall at all times meet redress under any Interruption which may occur from your not being previously informed to prevent it.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 22d October 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affrs.

[55]

Thomas Hayes Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,— I have to request you will be pleased under Sanction of the authority conveyed to you by my Letter of the 17th Instant to pay into my hands the arrears of Stipend due to the late Fuzeelut ul Nessa Bhegum at the period of her decease to enable me to discharge the amount of Wages due to her Servants who are daily very importunate in their applications for the same. As soon as I shall be informed what the specific amount is I will transmit you my receipts in Duplicate.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, T. Pattle,
the 25th October 1802. *Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.*

[56]

Thomas Hayes Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to inform you in reply to yours of yesterday that on reference to the Letter addressed to me by the Nawaub Syed Murteza Khan Behadre advising the Demise of his Mother the late Fuzzeel ut ul Nessa Bhegum he states the Event to have occurred on Monday the 31st of May 1802.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, T. Pattle,
the 26th October 1802. *Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.*

[57]

Thomas Hayes Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this days date ; and agreeably to your desire enclose you my receipts in Duplicate for the amount of arrears of Stipend due to the late Fuzzull ut unnessa Bhegum at the period of her Demise.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, T. Pattle,
the 27th October 1802. *Supt. of Nizt. Affs.*

Enclosure

Received of Thomas Hayes Esqr. Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad the Sum of two thousand Sicca Rupees (Sa.Rs. 2,000) being the amount of arrears of Stipend due to the late Fuzzul ut unnessa Bhegum at the period of her demise paid to me under Orders of Government of the 17th Instant.

Moorshedabad, T. Pattle,
the 27th October 1802. *Supt. of Nizt. Affs.*

[58]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I do myself the honor to transmit you herewith a Letter addressed to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General by His Highness the Nawaub Nassir ul Moolk and have only respectfully to add for His Lordships Information that the Nawaub in Conversation has frequently expressed to me his very anxious desire to be indulged with the Gift of a Portrait of His Lordship. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad, T. Pattle,
the 11th November 1802. *Supt. of Nizt. Affs.*

[59]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 5th Instant and to acquaint you that I have this day made the necessary Communications to their Highnesses the Nawaub and Munny Bhegum respecting the Concurrence of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General on the proposed arrangement for the conduct of the Duties of Dewan of the Nizamut and for the continuance during Rajah Soonder Sing's life of the Stipend enjoyed by him and his family.

I have also made known to Their Highnesses and to the Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad the appropriation which His Excellency has been pleased to direct shall take place of the allowances derived by the late Nawaub Futteh Alli Khan.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, T. Pattle,
the 11th November 1802. *Supt. of Nizt. Affrs.*

[60]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to transmit under Cover herewith a Letter addressed by the Nawaub Nussur-ool Moolk to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General expressing his Wish to be permitted to proceed as far as Mongheer for the benefit of change of air under pressure of severe Indisposition.

2. His Highness has for this month passed been extremely ill at times so much as to give the Bhegum cause of serious alarm I have expressed within these few days a desire to pay my personal Respects but it was declined on account of his state of Health.

3. I think it necessary to mention to you that Roy Monick Chund, who put into my hands the Letter which I have now the honour to forward, intimated that it was the Wish of the Nawaub in the Event of His Excellency's assenting to his proceeding to Monghcer that I should be authorized to request the Magistrate of Zillah Bhaugulpore to pay him the honour due to his Rank and quality on passing thro' his district, and also to desire the Officer Commanding the Garrison at Monghur to pay him the usual military Compliments on his arrival and leaving that station, these points from motives of Delicacy His Highness did not choose to introduce in his letter you will judge of the expediency & propriety of submitting them to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, T. Pattle,
the 16th November 1802. *Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.*

[61]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to transmit herewith an address to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General from Seit Obychurn soliciting an honorary distinction in favour of his son. His Letter to me which accompanied it refers to an Arzee which he had before presented to His Excellency.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 20th November 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

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Thomas Hayes Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have received Letters from Their Highnesses the Nawaub & Bhegum advising that His Highness the Nawaub is about to proceed in the course of two or three days on a journey to Monghur for the recovery of his health, & the benefit of Change of air, these Letters add some difficulties arise in furnishing the expences inevitable on such an Occasion as to this time only thirty thousand Rupees have been issued of the Nizamut Stipend for the month of September, & the Inconvenience attaching to an arrear of near three months is greatly enhanced by the Call for Supplies on this particular occasion.

I have in consequence to request you will issue as much more as you possibly can of the Nizamut Stipend due for September and in the event of your not being immediately able to supply it, or not having the expectation of resources to provide for it in the course of a few days I will on receiving Intimation from you to that effect address His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General & submit the applications of the Nawaub & Bhegum praying that the necessary Assistance may be afforded from some other Quarter. —I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 24th November 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affrs.

[63]

T. L. N. Sturt Esqr.,
Judge & Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have received the Commands of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council to inform you that His Highness the Nawaub Nausser ool Moolk is about to proceed on a Journey as far as Mongheer and I am instructed to desire that you will issue orders to the Native Police Officers and others subject to your Authority in that part of your jurisdiction thro' which His Highness will pass to shew him every degree of respect & attention which is due to his Rank & to afford His Highness every practicable accommodation & assistance in the Prosecution of his Journey. —I have etc.

T. Pattle,
Senr. Judge of Appl. & Circuit & Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

Moorshedabad, the 24th November 1802.

[An identical letter of the same date written to Mr. John Becher, Judge & Magistrate of Zilla Moorshedabad, not printed.—Ed.]

[64]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to enclose herewith Letters from their Highnesses the Nawaub & Bhegum to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General on the Subject of the heavy arrear of Stipend now due to the Nizamut, which at all times inconvenient presses more at this moment on account of the indispensable extraordinary expence to be provided for to enable the Nawaub to move a considerable distance from home.

I went yesterday to pay my respects at the Kellah and was loudly assailed by the Clamor of the different Pensioners Servants & other Dependants of the Household, in consequence of their Distress for want of their allowances & most by the Manjies and Dandies of the Boats engaged for His Highnesses Journey who refused to move without a considerable advance in part of Hire.

I found the Nawaub extremely ill unable to rise from his Couch apparently very weak and in a State of the most languid Dejection. In conformity to the Instructions conveyed in your letter of the 20th ultimo I expressed to His Highness the extreme concern of the Most Noble the Governor General at hearing of his Indisposition & His Excellency's anxious solicitude for his speedy recovery & the Nawaub desired me to submit his grateful acknowledgements with every assurance of respectful & sincere attachment.

I have communicated to the Magistrates of the Zillah & City the Directions of His Excellency the Governor General that they should issue orders to the Native Officers subject to their authority respectively in the several Districts within their Jurisdiction by which His Highness will pass to shew him the proper Respect and attention & to afford His Highness every practicable accommodation & assistance in the Prosecution of his Journey.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 2nd December 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[65]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to transmit herewith a Letter from His Highness the Nawaub addressed to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General and to acquaint you for His Excellency's Information that the Nawaub commenced his Journey on Saturday very unwell but something recovered since I had the honour of seeing him on Wednesday.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 6th December 1802.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[66]

Christopher Roberts Esqr.,
Judge & Magistrate of Zillah Sylhet.

Sir,—His Highness the Nawaub Nussur-ool-Moolk having been pleased to depute the Bearer Furrud Ullah

Khan as his Darogah to Sylhet for the purpose of catching Elephants & providing Chunam for the use of the Nizamut, has desired me to furnish Furrud Ullah with this Letter of Introduction to you and at the same time to request you will pay attention to any Application he may eventually find it necessary to prefer to you. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 6th December 1802.

T. Pattle, *Supt. of N. A.*

The same to John Ahmuty Esqr. Collector of Sylhet.

[67]

Capt. John Williams
or the Officer Commanding the Garrison
at Mongheer.

Sir,—As His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General was pleased to cause the Instructions sent to the late Major General Ellerker in a Letter from the Persian Secretary to Government of date the 20th of November touching the Reception & accommodation of His Highness the Nawaub & the Military Compliments to be paid him at Mongheer to be officially communicated to me I have considered it my Duty to acquaint you that His Highness commenced his Journey on Saturday last & is proceeding by Water by easy Stages. I conclude you will get timely Intimation of his Approaches to Mongheer.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 6th December 1802.

T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nizt. Affrs.*

[A letter to the Judge & Magistrate of Zilla Bhagulpore, of the same tenor & purport, not printed.—Ed.]

[68]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to transmit herewith Letters addressed to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General by Their Highnesses the Nawaub and Munnee Bhegum.

2. Without presuming unrequired to offer Opinions on certain points of a delicate Nature to which these Letters have reference, I take the Liberty of observing that it will appear by different parts of the subsidiary Statements which accompany the Nizamut Committees general Report that as their President I decided by dissent in more than one Instance from their Resolves on the propriety & practicability of certain articles of Retrenchment especially on the Resumption of two thirds of the Sum allowed for monthly repairs of the Kellah and its various dependent buildings under the fullest Conviction that Retrenchment in that Article to such an extent was wholly impracticable without involving unpleasant Consequences. The Reform proposed in the Head of "Emarut" appears to be of all others that to which the Nawaub & Bhegum oppose the most pressing objection as well in their several Letters as in their verbal Communications with me.

From the whole tenor of the Committee's Investigation & the Result as exhibited in their general Report, it is but too evident that on the present Scale of expenditure with Relative consideration to the present amount of Stipend, no fund can be now reserved, or be held on contemplation, within any moderate period of time for eventual excess of expence, or for meeting disbursements of a contingent Nature ; & the experience of each day serves to evince that claims of the latter description continually occur. The Call for supply of Live Stock, such as Elephants, Camels, Horses for both Saddle & Draught, & Cattle of every description, is but too perceptible to those who have constant Intercourse with the Nizamut ; and there are besides many Wants in their nature pressing & indispensable for which there are no funds.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 7th December 1802.

T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—Capt. Fleming having arrived here a few days ago & having produced to me your Instructions to him of date the 19th of August I accompanied him to the Kellah on the 1st Instant & presented him to His Highness the Nawaub who was pleased to examine and on a cursory Inspection to signify his Approbation of a Plan which Capt. Fleming had prepared of a Building intended for his personal Residence only, His Highness observed that much more would be requisite for necessary attaching Offices and for the accommodation of Officers and Servants of various descriptions who were required to be in constant attendance on his person, His Highness was extremely ill & weak & consequently declined any description or explanation in detail but [desired] everything might remain suspended until his return from his Journey to Mongheer for benefit of his health expressing his hope that in the Interim advantage might be taken of the Season to burn a sufficient quantity of Bricks and to lay in a Store of Timbers, Chunam &ca. Nothing further passed with His Highness on that day & he left the City on the 4th Instant.

2. I have now the honour to enclose Copy of a Letter which I received on the 3d from Capt. Fleming & to request you will do me the favour to obtain for me the Commands of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General on such points as may appear requisite.

3. I apprehend the Sum which Capt. Fleming applies for in advance is not more than what is necessary for the purposes specified & that the Assistance of two European Overseers may be usefully devoted to the furtherance of a Work so extensive and important as that which he is about to undertake. With respect to his application for Travelling Charges I am of Opinion the work cannot be properly superintended unless Capt. Fleming should have some Habitation in the City where he may stay for three or four days at a time in case

his taking up his residence there altogether should be either objectionable or impracticable. There is not at present any house or Bungalow which could either be rented or purchased, but there is within a few hundred yards of the Kellah a Spot of Ground belonging to Government with the Remains of a building standing on it in which the Khalsa Cutcherry was formerly held when I was attached to this Station upwards of thirty years ago, and I believe for many years subsequent the local Situation of the premises is peculiarly well adopted & with the aid of materials on the Spot, & some that might properly be borrowed from such part of the Kellah as is fallen down already, or must be pulled down to make room for new Erection. I apprehend a Bungalow adopted for a temporary residence for Capt. Fleming might be erected at a very inconsiderable expense & adverting to the Object to be attained such disbursement may perhaps with propriety be deemed an appropriate Item of the general Charge to be incurred. The distance from the Kellah to Berhampore is near ten miles which is surely too great for (illegible). Journies at any Season and at certain periods would be impracticable.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 8th December 1802.

T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.*

[70]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political & Persian Department, Fort William.

Sir,—Some private business inducing me to wish to visit the Presidency I request you will do me the favor to solicit for me the Sanction of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General to be absent from my Station during the ensuing Month.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 8th December 1802.

T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.*

[71]

Lieut. Coll. William Scot,
Resident at the Court of the Nawaub Vizier, Lucknow.

Sir,—Having under Instructions from the Secretary to the Political Department delivered a Letter from the Nawaub Sahadet Ally to his Vakeel Ramzaun Ally Khan Behadre, who called here on his Way to Calcutta I have now the honour to enclose at the request of the said Vakeel his Arzee to His Highness the Vizier in answer.

The Arzee was sent open for my perusal it contains merely an Acknowledgement of the receipt of His Highnesses Letter professes Intention to pay strict Obedience to the Commands therein conveyed and gives an account of the manner of my reception of himself. I suffered the Arzee to be closed before I recollected that in regular Course I ought to have transmitted a Copy for your Information. I trust you will do me the favour to accept this explanation in apology together with my Assurances of being with perfect Consideration.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 9th December 1802.

T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nizt. Affrs.*

[72]

Capt. John Williams
or the Officer Commanding the Garrison at Mongheer.

Sir,—In addition to my Letter of the 6th Instant I take the Liberty of suggesting to you that it is the wish of His Highness the Nawaub that you should proceed to meet him a short distance from your place of Residence when you shall receive accounts of his arrival in the neighbourhood of your Garrison and it has been intimated to me by authority that it is the Intention of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General that you should comply with this Expectation on the part of His Highness.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 10th December 1802.

T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nizt. Affrs.*

[An identical letter written to Mr. James Wintle, Judge & Magistrate of Zillah Bhagulpore, not printed. —Ed.]

[73]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to enclose you Copies of Letters from No. 1 to 6 inclusive which have been recently addressed to me by sundry Branches of the family of the Nawaub Delawar Jung complaining of the Distress to which they are respectively subjected from his Want of attention to their reasonable Claims for a subsistence from the Stipend allotted to him by Government for the support and Maintenance generally of the Children and other nearest Relations of his deceased Father and in several Instances it is stated that Delawaur Jung withholds the allowance which he had himself fixed for the reasonable support of the Parties.

It is with extreme Reluctance that I intrude upon you with Interruption in detail on these subjects but I am compelled to do it from the continual Clamor and Importunity of applicants who almost daily trouble me with Representations either written or verbal of the urgency of their respective situations. You will best judge what portion thereof it is necessary and proper to submit to the Consideration of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in the view of obtaining such general arrangement as may preclude the necessity of further Intrusion on points of this nature.

I have little to add on the subject of the Representations of the Nawaub Meer Mahomed Kauzim or of Dowlut-ul-Nissa Bhegum more than what I had the honour to state in my addresses of the 27th of May last I have reason to think the Embarrassments of the former are serious and pressing not merely from his own report but from Accounts handed to me by authority I consider deserving of Credit and the Bhegum Dowlut-ul-Nessa has more than once solicited my sanction to carry her Complaints herself to the presence of His Excellency the Governor General.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 18th December 1802.

T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nizt. Affrs.*

Enclosure

List of Letters enclosed.

No. 1. From the Nawaub Meer Mahomed Kauzim son of Muzuffer Jung, Brother of the Nawaub Delawaur Jung.
2. From Dowlut-ul-Nessa Bhegum Widow of Mahomed Muzuffur Jung.
3. From Nourjahn Bhegum Widow of the late Nawaub Bairam Jung Delawaur Jung's elder brother.
4. From Gorehara Bhegum Sister to the Nawaub Delawaur Jung.
5. From Doolun Bhegum Widow of the Nawaub Futteh Oolah Khan brother to the deceased Wife of Muzuffur Jung.
6. From three Concubines of the deceased Nawaub Muzuffur Jung, Hummed-ul-Nessa Izzut-ul-Nessa and Nujeebul Nessah.

T. Pattle,
S. of N. A.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to transmit you herewith a Letter addressed to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General by His Highness the Nawaub who has informed me of his arrival at Bhaugulpore and experiencing a very satisfactory reception by the Judge at that station.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 3rd January 1803. T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.*

[75]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department, Fort William.

Sir,—In the absence of Mr. Pattle I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23d intimating that the Right Honorable Lord Viscount Valentia had received the permission of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General to proceed on a visit to the upper provinces and had accordingly commenced his journey from the Presidency and communicating His Excellency's commands in regard to the ceremonial of Lord Valentia's visits at the Palace & in receiving His Highness the Nawaub Nasser-ul-Moolk if His Highness should think fit to visit His Lordship.

I beg leave to report for the information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General that previous to the receipt of these orders I had expressed my readiness to accompany Lord Valentia on a visit to Palace in consequence of Captain Parlby's having intimated to me that it was His Lordships wish in compliance with the desire of His Excellency the Governor General to pay his Compliment to the Nawaub & Begum's the intimation was sent to me late in the afternoon & it was proposed that the visit should take place early the following morning as it is usual to give a days previous notice & as the Nawaub frequently resides at Saducbhaug I ventured to suggest to His Lordship that it would be better the visit should be put off for a day which would afford a suitable period of Intimation of His Lordships intentions & admit of the necessary arrangements for his reception. His Lordship was however induced from a wish not to delay his Journey to postpone paying his visits at the Palace till his return from Hindoostan.

As the Nawaub had been informed of Lord Valentia's arrival & of his intended visit, the cause of its not taking place was fully explained to His Highness who was pleased to express the satisfaction He should derive from seeing Lord Valentia on his return from his excursion.

Lord Valentia left Moorshedabad last night.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 25th February 1803. J. Becher, *Actg. Judge of Appl. & Ct.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to acquaint you for the Information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General that I received this morning a verbal Message from Their Highnesses the Nawaub and Bhegum to make known to me the Death of the Nawaub Rokun-ul-Dowlah Uncle to His Highness the Nawaub Nussur-ul-Moolk who is Stated to have died at Rajemehal on the 12th Instant. I understand the Nawaub & Bhegum are both under Severe affliction in consequence of this event. I shall immediately address them in Letters suitable to the occasion and as soon as I am informed that a Visit will be acceptable shall pay in person at the Kellah my compliments of Condolence & on receiving any further or more particular information respecting the deceased or his family I shall submit it without delay.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 17th March 1803. T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nizt. Affrs.*

[77]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I had the honour to address you on the 17th Instant to advise the Demise at Rajemehal of the late Nawaub, Rokun ol Dowlah in continuation of the Subject of the said Letter I now transmit under Cover herewith Letters from their Highnesses the Nawaub & Munnee Bhegum to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General, as also Letters from the Nawaub & Bhegum to your address, communicating the Death of the Nawaub Rokun-ul-Doulah, and recommending that the Pension which he received may be continued to his eldest son Syed Waajed Ally Khan. The Nawaub & Bhegum have written me to the same effect and appear particularly anxious that orders should be issued as early as convenient on the Subject of the Pension received by the deceased because the Dependants & relations of the family whose only Support derived from his allowance issuing from Government are extremely numerous & will of course experience much distress and Inconvenience

if it is withheld. It is stated that Rokun-ul-Dowlah has died in embarrassed Circumstances and much expense has been incurred by the Family on his Obsequies.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 22d March 1803.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizamut Affrs.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to transmit you under cover herewith copy of a Letter which I received from Her Highness the Munnee Bhegum and of one which I have this day in consequence thereof addressed to the Collector of Government Customs at Dacca.

2. You will judge of the expediency of taking the Commands of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General either on this specific point of reference, or on the subject generally, as claims for Duties at all the different Custom houses recently established are constantly set up, and many representations have already and will continually be made until some fixed Rule is established for Guidance on similar Occasions.

3. In the opinion I have expressed in the 2nd Paragraph of my Letter to Mr. Proby explanatory of Idea of His Excellency's Intentions, I have been guided by my recollection of what passed when I had the honour to talk over this subject with you in Calcutta, and I felt less repugnance at stating what I have to Mr. Proby because tho' he should, at my Instance accede to the Bhegums wishes if it is by Government hereafter thought proper to claim Duties on the Dispatch in question they may easily be levied when the Goods import at Moorshedabad.

4. If it shall appear to you that the Demand should not be insisted on at Dacca, perhaps a few Lines from you to enforce my application may obviate further Contest and save the trouble of more references. At any rate I trust I have not outstept the Duty of my situation by the form or substance of my address to Mr. Proby.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 4th April 1803.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[79]

J. J. B. Proby Esqr.,
Collector of Government Customs at Dacca.

Sir,—I have received a Letter from Her Highness the Munnee Bhegum stating that her annual supply of Muslins and other fine Cloths provided as usual at Dacca for the immediate Use of herself and her household by an Agent named Cauloo Sahoo, have been detained, and a Demand made for the Payment of Duties thereon, which has interrupted their Dispatch, and induced a Representation on the Subject from her Agent, The Bhegum represents that she has on no former Occasion been subjected to any Call for Duties on articles provided by her own Agents for the immediate Consumption of the Dewry and she has requested I will make this application to you to desire you will suffer the Cloths which are stated to consist of five hundred Pieces, comprized in three Bales, to pass without further Delay or Molestation.

2. I have reason to think it is not the Intention of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General that Articles provided by the Agent of their Highnesses the Nawaub and the Munnee Bhegum for their own immediate personal Consumption or the use of their families and household servants should be liable to Calls for Duties at the several Custom houses and on Occasion of similar application touching Demands made at Patna His Excellency has been pleased to direct forbearance.

3. I have furnished a Copy of this Letter to be transmitted by Her Highness the Bhegum to her Agent at Dacca, that Cauloo Sahoo may present it to you to identify his Person and to establish that his request for exemptions does not exceed the Limits herein defined and I forward by this days dauk, a copy of this Letter and of the Bhegum's address to me to the Secretary to Government in the Political Department that he may if he should deem it necessary consult the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor General on the Subject generally or on this particular point of reference specifically at the same time I beg leave to observe that your Compliance with the request now made to accommodate the Bhegum cannot ultimately occasion any Loss of Government Dues because those if it should be thought proper can be levied on the Bales importing at this City.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 4th April 1803.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to transmit you under Cover herewith Copy of a Letter addressed to me by the Nawaub Syed Murteza Khan Behadre on the Subject of his Claims of succession to the Pensions derived by the late Salia Bhegum and Faizul-ut-ul Nessa Bhegum, it is unnecessary and hardly practicable for me to add anything here to the written and verbal explanations which have already been given on the subject of the right of succession now and before set up by the Nawaub Saidoo, but I will take the Liberty to mention that I am constantly beset whether at my house or in Court in discharge of my official Duties by a numerous tribe of his Sepoys and menial servants clamorous for heavy arrears of Wages due to them, and that he replies to all my references of Parties to him by pleading Inability to satisfy claims which he admits to be just until he shall receive what he considers due to him as Heir to the deceased Bhegums beforenamed.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 4th April 1803.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

[81]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—When I had the honour of paying my personal Respects to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General and obtained an Audience of Leave His Excellency was pleased to permit me to represent to him the great Inconvenience I had sustained from the Want of some apartment at the City for my personal accommodation, and to Serve occasionally as an office for transacting my business on this Department, as I have frequent Occasion to visit the City, and am often there till the heat of the day is very obnoxious to my return, besides which I stated to His Lordship circumstances which might probably occur to induce a necessity for my remaining there one or two days in continuance. It is unnecessary to enumerate here the particulars of what I had the honour to state to His Lordship who was then pleased to acquiesce in my application for Permission to erect a small Bungalow or office on the cite of the old Khalsah Cutcherry part of which still remains standing on a spot of Ground belonging to the Company as described in a Letter I had the honour to address you under date the 8th of December last.

2. His Lordship in consideration of the very advanced state of the Season was graciously pleased to grant me his Sanction for commencing immediately on the building which I have accordingly beginning the foundation on the same spot, and in obedience to the Commands of His Excellency that I should submit an Estimate of the probable expense that would be incurred, I have now the honour to enclose Copy of an Estimate which Major Fleming has prepared at my request. As his Avocations daily lead him near the Premises, I thought it expedient to avail myself on this Occasion of his professional experience especially as it is my Intention when the accommodation shall be prepared that it shall serve as a facility for the greater Convenience of his carrying on the Duty to which he has lately been appointed.

3. Major Fleming States that the Building is to consist of One Room in the Centre eighteen feet square with an enclosed Verandah of fourteen feet wide on three sides which is to be divided as may be required into smaller rooms, and the whole to be raised on Flues two feet & a half from the Ground. The Estimate is calculated for a terraced Roof as preferable to a straw Choppers because so many of the timbers &ca. materials of the old Khalsa will come into use in a terraced Roof that the additional expense will not exceed two hundred Rupees and because from the local situation of the premises they would frequently be much exposed to risque of fire and being close adjoining to the Residence of the Nawaubs elder brother he stated strong Objection to a thatched building so close to him.

4. As under the Permission which His Lordship gave to my commencing the Work I have already incurred some expense I take the Liberty of soliciting an early Communication of His Excellency's pleasure on the estimate now submitted and that I may have an order upon the Collector for an advance of two thousand Rupees which will I think probably suffice for the work. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 5th April 1803.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.

Enclosure No. 1.
Thos. Pattle Esqr.,
Superintendent of Nizamut Affairs.

Sir,—Agreeable to your instruction I have the honour to Send you an Estimate of the probable Expense of Building a small House on the ground where the Old Khalsa Cutcherry now stands in the City.

The House is to be rais'd, on Flues, two feet from the ground & is to consist of One Room Eighteen feet Square with an enclosed Verandah of fourteen feet wide on three Sides which is to be divided into smaller Rooms.

For the following reasons I take the liberty of recommending that a Terrac'd roof may be preferred to a Straw Chopper.

1st. Because upon calculation and consulting with the People who Thatch Houses, I find a thatch'd Roof will cost within about two Hundred Rupees as much as a Terrac'd one.

2ndly. Because the above difference is more than made up by the Old materials I shall be able to bring into use, & which would not answer for a Thatch'd Roof.

3rdly. Because the advantage of a Terrac'd roof in case of Fire

and lastly. Because it is to be built so close to His Highness the Nawaubs Brothers House, to whom I know a Chopper would prove a great nuisance.—I have etc.

Berhampoor, the 29th March 1803.

George Fleming, *Major.*

Enclosure No. 2.
Estimate of probable expense of erecting a building on the cite of the Old Khalsa Cutcherry in Moorshedabad to serve as an Office & for the personal accommodation of the Superintendent of Nizamut Affairs

7,803 Solid feet of Masonry @ 18 Rs. Pr. ft	Sa. Rs. 1,404- 8- 7
1,426 Superficial feet of Roofing @ 38 Pr.	541-14- 0
1,426 Do. Do. Flooring @ 18 Pr	256-10-10
26 Doors @ 20 Rs. each	520- 0- 0
Total Sicca Rupees .	2,723- 1- 5
Deduct for Value of Materials part of the old Khalsa remaining on the spot	500- 0- 0
Probable nett cost Sicca Rupees	2,223- 1- 5

Berhampore, the 29th March 1803.

George Fleming, *Major.*

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H. V. Darell Esqr.,
Commercial Resident at Malda.

Sir,—His Highness the Nawaub Nassirul Moolk having deputed his Darogah Mirza Jaffer Ally, as annually customary to procure Mangoes at Malda, has

desired me to furnish the Darogah with this letter & to request your attention to any application he may eventually find it necessary to prefer to you.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 20th April 1803.

T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nizt. Affs.*

[Identical letters written to the Magistrates of Dinajpur and Purneah, not printed.—Ed.]

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John Battye Esqr.,
Collector of Dacca.

Sir,—A considerable time ago, His Highness the Nawaub Nasseer-ool-Moolk addressed a Representation to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General on the Subject of the Sequestration of certain Newaureh Mehals appertaining to His Highness in the Dacca District & in the month of July last, I received His Excellency's Commands thro' the Secretary to Government in the Persian Department enclosing a Letter from His Excellency to the Nawaub, recommending that His Highness should depute an Agent to confer jointly with an Agent from the Nawaub of Dacca with the Collector on the Subject of the said Mehals & to communicate such Information as the Officers formerly entrusted with the Charge of the respective portions of the Nawaureh Lands may possess & His Excellency was pleased to add that the necessary directions on the Subject had at the time been sent to your Officer & that the Collector had been instructed to furnish for the use of the Agent who should be appointed every additional Information which could be collected from the records of his office.

2. In conformity to the recommendation of His Excellency, the Nawaub now deputes the Bearer hereof Shaik Warriss Ally for the purposes abovementioned & at the request of His Highness I have given him this Letter to serve as Introduction to you & to request your attention to the objects of his mission as far as may be consistent with Instructions you may have received on the Subject.

3. I take the Liberty to add that Shaik Warriss Ally is from Rank & Situation in life as well as from the nature of the Service on which he is deputed entitled to the Compliment of a Chair & to attentions of similar nature.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 21st April 1803.

T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nt. Affrs.*

[Identical letters written to the Collectors of Tipperah & Mymensing, not printed.—Ed.]

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to transmit you herewith Letters addressed by their Highnesses the Nawaub & Munnee Bhegum as also by the Nawaub Syed Wajid Ally Khan Bahadre to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General accompained by a Nuzzur from the latter on the Occasion of his Succession thro' His Excellency's favour & benevolence to the Pension formerly enjoyed by his deceased Father, the Nawaub Rukun-ul-Dowlah.

Letters from their Highnesses & from Syed Wajeed Ally to your address on the present Occasion also wait upon you enclosed.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 21st April 1803.

T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nizt. Affs.*

[85]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to transmit you herewith an Arzee Addressed to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General by the Nawaub Meer Mahomed Kauzim youngest son of the late Nawaub Muzuffur Jung accompanied by a Letter to your Address from the same urging very pointedly the extreme pressure and Distress of his situation. I can offer nothing on the subject more forcible or applicable than what I took the Liberty to state in my address of the 27th May and 18th of December last and also verbally when I have had the opportunity of conversing with you regarding the Representations preferred by those who depend for support on Delawaur Jungs Distribution of the Pension allowed by Government. The appearance of Meer Mahomed Kauzim latterly is strongly indicative of the Difficulties he personally labours under.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 30th April 1803.

T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nizt. Affs.*

[86]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I had the honour of personally representing to you in February the Inconveniences which their Highness the Nawaub and Bhegum stated they sustained by Interruption from the different Custom Houses both in the purchase and transportation of Cloths and other articles provided for the immediate Consumption of the Household and I addressed you Particularly on the same subject under date the 23rd July 1802 and 14th ultimo.

2. I have now the honour to forward under Cover of this address a Letter to you from the Munnee Bhegum on the same subject generally but with Particular reference to the Circumstance of five Bales of fine Goods which appear to have been recently [detained] by the Custom Master at this place and some Cloths which are ready for dispatch. It is unnecessary for me to intrude upon you now with the particulars of a Letter I have received from Her Highness on the same subject because it is nearly a Counterpart of her address to you but in the conclusion of it she States to me in further addition that the Nawaubs Darogah Furrud Ullah Khan had prepared ten thousand Mds. of Chunam which was immediately wanted for the buildings &ca. carrying on at the Killah but from Interruptions at the Custom House the said Darogah was prevented availing himself of the present favourable season for dispatching it

in conformity to the Orders of His Highness the Nawaub I need hardly press upon you the expediency of obtaining as early as possible the Commands of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General on an object which has been so long and so often under reference and which the Nawaub and Bhegum appear to consider as bearing particularly hard upon them and each days delay of decision seems to add to their sense of the Injury and Inconvenience they sustain.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 21st May 1803.

T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I had the honour to address you on the 31st July 1802 enclosing a Letter from His Highness the Nawaub to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General on the Subject of Encroachments committed on his Rumnah in the Rajeshy Districts by Parties who have recently purchased Estates in that Pergunnah. His Highness has frequently reminded me very pressingly of his application on this score but in expectation of receiving thro' you His Excellency's Commands I have always desired him to wait the result of my former application.

2. The Nawaub having now again addressed me a Letter enclosing an Arzee from Bundah Ally the Darogah of his Buffalo Rumnah I take the liberty to transmit copies thereof for your Information that you may submit the same or such part thereof as may appear expedient & necessary to the Consideration of His Excellency when his leisure shall admit of his attending to the subject and I presume to submit to you my Opinion that the appointment of an Aumeen or other Agent on the part of the Nawaub to confer with the Collector on the Subject of His Highnesses Claims appears the mode most likely to bring the disputes now subsisting to adjustment & to put an end to the complaints which are continually preferred by both Parties relative to Encroachment on their respective claims to the Possession of the Rumnahs in question.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 22d July 1803.

T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nizt. Affs.*

[88]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to report to you for the Information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General that in pursuance of His Lordship's Commands as conveyed in your Letter of the 3d ultimo. I transmitted the Letter of Condolence from His Excellency to Juggut Seet & in consequqence of an appointment made with him & His Highness the Nawaub I attended at the Kellah on Saturday last and invested Juggut Seet in His Lordship's name with a Khelaut agreeably to the Memorandum which accompanies. The Durbar was very fully attended on the Occasion & Juggut Seet expressed Sentiments of profound respect & most grateful attachment in return for this distinguished honor & for the assurances I gave him of His Excellency's Condolence in his recent Loss & good Wishes for his Welfare & general Prosperity.

I request you will favor me with an Order on the Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad for (Sa. Rs. 2,240) two thousand, two hundred & forty Sicca Rupees, being the amount disbursed by me on this Occasion as p. Note enclosed.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 22d July 1803.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affs.*

Memorandum of the Cost of a Khelaut &ca. wherewith by Command of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General Juggut Seet was invested on Saturday the 16th day of July 1803

1 Khelaut of 6 Cloths	Rs.	440
1 Jiggah & Surpeach & Culgee	,,	400
1 Pair of Choucurries	,,	400
1 String of Pearls	,,	1,000
	Sa. Rs.	2,240

Moorshedabad, the 22d July 1803.

T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nizt. Affs.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to enclose you Juggut Seets address to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in acknowledgement of His Lordship's letter forwarded by you on the 3d Ultimo & delivered by him at the Kellah immediately on his being invested with the Khelaut as prescribed.

In conformity to the Orders of His Excellency conveyed in the third Paragraph of your Letter of the 20th May I returned to Juggut Seet the Nuzzer of five Gold Mohurs which he presented on the Occasion of the honour conferred on him & which is referred to in his address now forwarded.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 22d July 1803.

T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nizt. Affs.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to forward herewith for the purpose of their being laid before His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council two Plans accompanied by an Elevation & a Section of the Palace intended for the Residence of His Highness the Nawaub Nussur-ool Moolk & Copies of the Letter which Major Fleming sent therewith & of the Estimate referred to in the said Letter of date the 12th Instant.

2. Under the Orders conveyed by your Letter of the 19th August last, that I should accompany the above

Papers with such remarks as might appear necessary on the Subject I take the liberty to inform you that I have twice waited upon His Highness since the receipt of Major Flemings Plans & Letter &ca. for the express purpose of accurately inspecting the premises where the Building is proposed to be erected, & other Works carried on & in order to explain the whole business to His Highness & to take his Sentiments on the Subject as he had before expressed a wish that I should do so previous to making my report & as I had every reason to suppose that such procedure would be conformable to the Intentions of His Excellency in this matter.

3. Taking it for granted that the new Residence must be erected on the Site of the Old Kellah, because that contains the apartments of the Munnee Bhegum & those of other branches of the family from whom the Nawaub would not wish to separate himself & who would feel the greatest alarm if he harbored such Intention. It appears that the Spot selected is that best adopted for the purpose indeed there is not space in any other quarter of the Kellah & even here some Land must be borrowed from the River as stated in Paragraph 3d of Major Fleming's letter. The Nawaub appears well pleased with the Situation selected and with the general arrangement & Disposition of the building & tho' we conferred long & particularly on the Subject he did not suggest Objection or propose any alteration—as therefore it meets his approbation for the purpose of a Residence, I can have nothing to offer on a Plan &ca. brought forward by a Gentleman professionally qualified.

4. Professing myself to have little knowledge or experience in building. It is with doubt & deference that I can say [any] thing on the Subject of the Estimate ; the different Items of charge taken abstracted by appear to me high the Cause assigned by Major Fleming is the great distance he shall have to transport his materials especially Bricks & Chunam with respect to the former I can propose nothing to obviate the difficulty as upon enquiry I do not find there is in or about the City any Situation nearer to the Kellah than Akbarpoor Jeel adapted for making bricks with respect to Chunam Golahs on consulting with the Nawaub's principal Officers I learn that Ground the property of His Highness may be had on the opposite side of the river directly in front of the Kellah sufficient to erect Sheds to Serve as a depot for any quantity of Chunam that it may be necessary to (illegible) & the expense of a boat to ferry it over will be very inconsiderable. I have intimated this to Major Fleming & as no part of his Chunam is arrived I have expressed my hope that the expedient may tend to reduce the ultimate Charge for Masonry as it meets one of the Causes he assigns for Enhancement of expense. As I understand however that Major Fleming will receive a fixed Allowance & carry on the Work with every attention to due economy for the benefit of those concerned I do not feel it necessary to enter on a more minute discussion of the Items estimated.

5. The Charges in Estimate No. 2 appear to me very moderate & the Object of the expense to be incurred such as can by no means be avoided a Parapet Wall to enclose the whole building is necessary both for Appearance & comfort, & as Land is to be borrowed from the River it becomes indispensable to secure the bank with a very Solid & Substantial Poostah such as that which protects the Eynah Mahl, the only Building within the Kellah which comes in immediate Contact with the River, if this can be done at the expense estimated it will be money very well laid out. The very low Situation of the Kellah & the Inconvenience annually experienced when the Rivers rise by the water oozing & accumulating within the Compound to the great Inconvenience of the Inhabitants and Injury of the building induces a necessity for raising the whole level of the Ground full two feet & the estimated charge for that comprized in the last article of the account Sa. Rs. 17,342-12-9 does not appear to me excessive.

6. His Highness at the conference we had pressed strongly upon me the absolute necessity for raising the ground in the manner proposed by Major Fleming to give Security from dampness & for other purposes of general Convenience.

7. The Nawaub also observed to me & desired I would state when reporting on the Subject that hereafter many more buildings for the accommodation of the Bhegums whose habitations (except those of the Munnee Bhegum) are in a state of complete dilapidation & for the use of the Officers of his Household would be indispensably requisite as also apartments for his Guards & Retinue stabling &ca. &ca. all which would very materially enhance the expense to be incurred.

8. Presuming that it is the Intention of His Lordship that the building should be commenced on without further delay now that so considerable a Stock of materials are laid in adverting also to the pressing Occasion of the Nawaub for a comfortable Residence as you [Sir] are well aware of the Condition of the present buildings. I am induced to second Major Flemings application for a further advance of Cash & to submit it as my opinion that the sum requested does not exceed the probable Call there will be shortly for carrying on a work of such extend ; it may be as well perhaps to issue Rs. 25,000 immediately & the same sum, after a lapse of three Months.

9. With respect to the concluding Paragraph of Major Fleming's letter touching his personal allowances & Establishment I do not feel that it would be proper for me to intrude any opinion on the first head & with respect to the latter I have before stated that I think two good European Overseers may be very usefully employed on a work of so much Importance & I have remarked that Major Fleming has engaged one several months back whom I have constantly seen on the premises.

10. I feel it my duty to state on this Occasion for the Information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General that in my several Conferences with the Nawaub on the Subject of the proposed building he expressed an earnest & anxious desire to know on what footing the Work was to be carried on observing that from the Investigation which had lately taken place into the State of his affairs generally & from the detailed report of the Nizamut Committee it would appear but to [too?] clearly to His Excellency that his finances were too much embarrassed to afford any present resource or to induce expectation that within a moderate period any means would be deducible from his present Stipend to meet the liquidation of so heavy a disbursement as

the amount of Estimates now submitted ; His Highness sought to ascertain from me if it was the Intention of Government that the building should be erected at their expense intimating that in such Case he should most gratefully receive such a distinguished Mark of Friendship & favour but on the other hand if his Stipend was ultimately to be made subject to the Charge he wished to know, how, or from what fund, whether of retrenchment of present expenditure, or from Augmentation of resource a sum would be raised adequate to the present Call. As it came not within the scope of my Instructions to give any direct Information on this Subject & as the Suggestion of the Committee in Paragraph 44 of their report of the 9th November contains a proposition of a delicate nature not calculated to be stated to the Nawaub I contented myself with generally evading the enquiry & with assuring His Highness that in this as in every other matter he might rest satisfied His Lordship would feel disposed to consult his comfort dignity & Prosperity & the general Welfare of the Nizamut which had ever been objects of His Excellency's anxious solicitude.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 1st August 1803.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of the Nizt. Affs.

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T. F. Bevan Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Understanding from Representation made to me by their Highnesses the Nawaub & Bhegum that the Stipend is now going on three months in arrears, no payment having yet been made on account the Nizamut for the month of June altho' the Military & Civil allowances for that month are on immediate train of liquidation & it being urgently stated to me by their Highnesses that pressing & Serious Inconvenience results from this unusual retard of Payment. I take the Liberty of requesting you will inform me what amount can be immediately supplied & at what period you expect resources to complete the full Issue for June that in the event of any material further probable Delay I may without Loss of time address His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General stating the position of the Department & the earnest request of their Highnesses that he will condescend to assign some other resource to supply the existing deficiency in your Treasury.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 8th August 1803.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affs.

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T. F. Bevan Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I transmit you enclosed Copy of a Representation delivered to me by Ruttun Chund principal Gomastah of a banking house at the City stating certain circumstances as attaching to a Loan negociated with his house by the Nawaub Syed Murteza Khan Behadre & praying my Interference to obtain for him redress of the Grievance he states that his principals have sustained. I understand from Ruttun Chund that he does not look to the recovery of the Payment of the Stipend of the Nawaub aforesaid for June which it appears you have made to the Nawaub himself but will be satisfied if the Payments for July, August, September & October shall be secured to him. If, as is setforth in the Petition, the Loan for the Nawaub Saidoo was concluded under a positive & unequivocal Guarantee of your Predecessor in office & such Guarantee was by him recorded, & officially reported to you, & its Validity by you admitted to the complainant in a conference at which Mr. Hayes was present I cannot conceive that the Nawaub Saidoo can by any means possess the power of revoking the authority he had regularly delegated on the other hand if any of these assumed Facts are mistated I shall be very glad to receive Information on the Subject from you, to enable me to state the matter correctly if, as is probable, I should be compelled to report on the Subject to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in the event of Ruttun Chunds not obtaining Satisfaction & relief from the Predicament he is placed in by the want of faith on the part of the Nawaub Saidoo.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 9th August 1803.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affs.

[93]

T. F. Bevan Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Under the Information contained in your Letter of Yesterday that you cannot without an Order from Government, appropriate any part of the Stipend of the Nawaub Syed Murteze Cawn Behadre to the Satisfaction of the assignment granted by him to the banking house, of his receipts from June to October inclusive, I have no option but to submit to His Excellency the Governor General the application made to me by Ruttun Chund.

I shall accompany my Communication with Copy of my Letter to you & of your answer & shall of course annex any further Information you may transmit me tending to throw light on the Subject.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 11th August 1803.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affs.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to transmit you under cover herewith, Copy of a Representation which I received a few days since, from Ruttun Doss the head Gomastah or Agent of the banking house of Joog Rauge and Bawanny Doss a house of some consequence established at Benares & Calcutta & stated to me as having considerable dealings with the British Government in the negotiation of remittances between Bengall, & our other Settlements. As the Gomastah laid great Stress on his having advanced the Loan to Nawaub Saidoo on the faith of the Guarantee of the Officer of Government in whose department it falls to issue the Stipends monthly I thought it expedient to have reference in the first Instance to that Office for Information, & accordingly on

the 9th Instant addressed the Collector a Letter Copy of which is enclosed as also of his answer of the 10th. As that gave no Information but appeared to promise some in the event of a further Call, I addressed Mr. Bevan again on the 11th & received an answer of the 12th of which Copies also go enclosed.

2. As Ruttun Doss produced to me in the first Instance the Nawaub Saidoo's Obligation or acknowledgement for eleven thousand Rupees as also the Assignments on the Collector under his Seal & Signature in the form of four receipts for his monthly Stipend in Rs. 3,000 for June, July, August & September together with Copy of the Nawaub's Letter to the Collector on the Subject of the Assignment for four months it did not appear to me necessary to call upon the Nawaub on this Occasion more especially as similar Instances of his Want of faith & wilful Violation of Engagement, have frequently occurred and as often come before me as well recently as when I formerly held the Office of Paymaster of Nizamut Stipends.

3. On ordinary Occasions of Representations of the nature of Ruttun Doss's I should have contented myself with referring the Party to the established Courts of Justice, but adverting to the peculiar relative situation of the Nawaub Syed Murteza Cawn with our Government & the suspicion entertained (I fear but too justly) of the occasional temporary derangement of his faculties, & also considering his Stipend paid by Government spontaneously, as a Species of property not immediately tangible by the Courts of Law, I have under all Circumstances deemed it a point of Duty as well as expediency to submit the matter to your Consideration for the purpose of its being (if you shall deem it proper) laid before His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General & indeed under the purpose avowed by the Collector of withholding payment of the Nawaub Saidoo's allowance in future until His Excellency's pleasure shall be known it appears indispensably necessary, that the Case should be submitted for His Lordships Determination.

Since I wrote the above I have received a Letter from the Nawaub Saidoo of which as it has relation to the matter now submitted I enclose a Copy marked A & I also send Copy marked B of another Letter which I only received on the 10th Instant announcing his transfer and assignment to another banking house of his Stipend for November & December ensuing in direct contradiction of his assertion that he has not delegated any authority of Claim on his Stipend.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 13th August 1803. — T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nizt. Affrs.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to transmit you herewith a Letter from Juggut Seet which I received three days ago intimating his Wish to be permitted to proceed to Calcutta for the purpose of paying his personal Respects to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General & to yourself. If other Claims on His Lordships leisure shall admit of his receiving the visit of Juggut Seet I am not aware of any Objection to his being allowed the Indulgence he solicits.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 2d September 1803. — T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nizt. Affrs.*

[96]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit you under cover herewith Copy of a Letter which I received yesterday from Her Highness the Munnee Bhegum on the Subject of a Claim made by the Collector of Customs at Dacca for Duties on 200 pieces of fine Cloths provided at that place by Caloo Sahoo agent for Her Highness, & for the immediate use of the Household and which are in consequence detained until a new order shall be issued on the Subject.

You will observe that the Bhegum also mentions that a Dispatch of 4,000 Mds. of Chunam is immediately expected to be made by Furrut Ullah Cawn the agent at Sylhet for providing that Article for the Nizamut Consumption in buildings & repairs. In expectation of the arrangement mentioned in the concluding Paragraph of your Letter of the 21st of May of Instructions touching this Chunam were now issued to the Custom Master at Dacca it will obviate trouble & delay hereafter which might perhaps prevent the Article being imported for Consumption before the Navigation of the Bagarutty River closes for the Season.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 3d September 1803. — T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to forward herewith for the Information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council Copy of a Letter received yesterday from Major Fleming.

I have nothing to offer in respect to its contents but what may be found on reference to my address of the 1st Ultimo on the same Subject to which I respectfully solicit as early an answer as may be compatible with the other Claims on your time.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 9th September 1803. — T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nizt. Affrs.*

[98]

Joseph Sherburne Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Bhaugulpore.

Sir,—I transmit you herewith Copy of a letter addressed me by His Highness the Nawaub Nussur-ul Moolk accompanied by a Letter bearing your official Seal which I also enclose. You will observe by the tenor of His Highnesses Communication to me that he declined opening the Letter because the form of the address, & the

Circumstance of the official Seal being affixed rendered it incompatible with the Dignity of his Situation to admit a Correspondence in terms of evident Superiority so widely different from the established usage & Forms which have obtained in the Correspondence that takes place between His Highness & the Head of the British Government in India. Was I to hazard an Opinion, I should not hesitate to suggest that it would not be a measure which His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General would approve if it were submitted to him that His Highness was addressed by an Officer of Government with so little Ceremony.

I should apprehend you would by calling upon the Darogah of Cossem Gunge and Nagissorebaug obtain every Information you may require officially, which under orders from his Superiors he would furnish but if you consider it indispensably necessary personally to address His Highness the Nawaub it were advisable it should be done either thro' me on my official capacity which I have reason to believe Government consider the regular Channel of correspondence with this Durbar or in a Stile & manner conformable to the established Usage where Intercourse occurs by Letter with His Highness.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 20th September 1803.

T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.*

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Captn. J. Armstrong,
Actg. Military Secretary to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General, Fort William.

Sir,—I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 22d Instant transmitting Heads of Intelligence by orders of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General, and have to request you will submit to His Lordship that I have promulgated to their Highnesses the Nawaub and Bhegum and to the British Inhabitants resident at this Station, Events so important in point of success, and which reflect so much credit on the British Arms.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 24th September 1803.

T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nizt. Affs.*

[100]

The Right Hon'ble Lord Viscount Valentia.

My Lord,—I received very late yesterday evening your letter of the 13th Instant intimating your purpose of reaching this City on or about the present date and your intention of waiting on their Highnesses the Nawaub and Begum on the moment of your arrival and desiring I would notify to them such Intention.

I am a stranger to the place from whence you write but from the time your letter has been reaching me, I conceive it to be very distant, and that consequently as much depends upon winds, Weather & Current, the period of your Lordship's reaching Moorshedabad must be very uncertain under which circumstance it would be repugnant to the etiquette of this Durbar if I was to announce to Their Highnesses your intended visit without specifying decidedly when it would take place, because it would seem to convey an expectation on my part that Their Highnesses should for an indefinite period, (that is from the moment of notice till that of your arrival) hold themselves in readiness to receive the compliment intended; such construction might be assumed, and would probably give offence. The established usage of this Court is that when a visit is intended to the palace notice is given at least on the preceding day that the necessary preparation may be made for receiving any Visitor of Rank.—Adverting to your Lordship's wish to avoid detention I shall take care the moment I hear of your approach near to or of your arrival at the City to send the usual complimentary message by one of my Chubdars and to make the necessary arrangement for your reception at an early hour on the morning following, this I trust may meet the full measure of your convenience.

I shall be anxious to wait upon you for the purpose of paying my compliments as soon as I learn you are near at hand and independent of the satisfaction I shall have in conforming to my public Instructions which direct me to accompany and to present your Lordship on paying visits at the palace or on receiving those of His Highness for the purpose of regulating the ceremonial according to the established forms and usages of intercourse between British subjects and Native families of distinction. It will be gratifying to me if for the period of your stay in this part of the Country your Lordship will do me the favour to be my Guest and to accept such accommodation as my House affords.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 24th September 1803.

T. Pattle.

Under sanction of your Lordship's Permission the Bearer will conduct your Boat to a landing within a short mile of my house where my carriage shall attend to bring you up.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to transmit to you under cover herewith copy of a letter from His Highness the Nawaub. As it would appear from the Representation of His Highnesses agent Shaik Warriss Ally, that no Instructions have been sent to the Collector of Mymensing touching the Nawaub's Claims to certain Newaureh Mehals in that District, conformably to the tenor of the Letter addressed to His Highness by His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General forwarded thro' me with your Commands of the 9th July 1802, I submit to you the expediency of consulting His Excellency's pleasure whether orders similar to those given to the Collector of Dacca in July 1802 should now be transmitted to the Collectors of Mymensing and Tipperah respectively.

I take the Liberty to enclose copy of the letter which I considered it incumbent to write to the Collectors of Mymensing and Tipperah in April last when the Nawaub deputed Shaik Warriss Ally on his Mission.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 1st October 1803.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affs.*

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Captn. Merrick Shawe,
Private Secretary to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 30th ultimo transmitting under direction of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General certain Heads of Intelligence, which I have promulgated at the Durbar, amongst Natives of Distinction, and to the Civil and Military British Inhabitants in this Neighbourhood. The Communication of such a rapid succession of events so glorious to our arms, so important in their immediate and future consequences is received by all Ranks of People with the most evident demonstration of unfeigned Joy.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 3d October 1803.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nizt. Affrs.

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Major George Fleming.

Sir,—I have received your letter of yesterday on the subject of Mr. Plowden's Claim for Duties on Chunam imported by you from Sylhet for the service of the Palace building for His Highness the Nawaub.

2. To obviate unnecessary trouble of reference and to enable me to state the matter clearly and distinctly to Government, I wish to know in what manner the Chunam was imported from Sylhet hither and whether it paid any and what Duties. I conclude it must have come covered by a Rowannah or Rowannahs issuing from the Custom House at Dacca, and that such Rowannahs are in the Possession either of your People or of Mr. Goldie the Agent here for the firm of Raitt and Inglis of Sylhet those I should like to see as I presume they cover the article from the general duty called Government Customs and probably the demand now made by Mr. Plowden is only for the Town duty under Regulation X of 1801 which I request you will ascertain for my Information.

3. At all events I should suppose the Claim for Duty will be remitted if the article is considered Governments or if it is supposed to be imported for the Nizamut, as I lately applied for an order of exemption of Duty on some Chunam coming from Sylhet, for the service of Her Highness the Munnee Bhegum and the use of the Household generally in consequence of which His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council was pleased on the 13th Ulto. to refer my letter to the Board of Trade with Injunction that the requisite orders might be sent to the Collector of Government Customs at Dacca for the remission of Duties on the Cloths and Chunam coming to Her Highness the Bhegum.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 11th October 1803.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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Joseph Sherburne Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Bhagulpore.

Sir,—In consequence of the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo I applied to His Highness the Nawaub Nussur-ul Moolk for Information touching the Tenure by which he holds Nagessorebaug & the reason why it had not been registered under Section 25th of Regulation 19 of 1793.

2. I have now the honour to enclose you Copy of His Highnesses answer & explanation on the Subject of your enquiry.

3. It appears to me that the Possessions of the Soubah are not held under particular Sunnuds or Grants which can be produced for the purpose of being registered because when invested in their own Persons with the Sovereignty of the Country altho' they gave Sunnuds or Title Deeds to such of their Relations Servants or Dependents to whom they granted any extent of Land whether for religious or other purposes no existing necessity occurred of framing Title Deeds for any part of that whole then held & possessed by them which they chose to appropriate for Rumnahs, Gardens or Jagheers for the use of their Household Servants in lieu of wages & other purposes of similar Description needless to detail here because at the time these alienations or appropriations were made the then Nazims or Soubahs had not in Contemplation the future existence of an Authority to question their rights or to call on them to prove them by the Test of Documents issuing from the sovereign power to its subjects.

4. It does not therefore appear to me that His Highness is liable to the Call made upon him on the present Occasion, more especially as when the Government have in the first Instance exempted His Highness in his person & Property from the operation of all the judicial Regulations & declared him not amenable to any of the Courts of Justice I cannot but conceive it never was their Intention to subject him to the common Course of official ceremonies requisition of inferior Departments who must in the regular Routine of business have recourse to the Courts of Justice to enforce certain acts & levy Penalties attaching to the Non-Observance of certain Regulations.

5. In answer to the second Paragraph of your letter I will take the liberty to observe that it appears to me you have assumed the Converse of the Position for I am not aware of any Restriction that exists prohibiting Individuals from writing to the Nawaub or Bhegum on matters of mere Ceremony or private Intercourse of Civility & interchange of social good offices Instances of which occur daily but all official applications in the Line of Duty on the Public Service I am by the Tenor of my Instructions induced to consider ought to pass thro' me in my official Capacity. If a Letter is forwarded thro' me it is requisite I should be furnished with a Copy for my Information & if on the other hand the nature of the Application or enquiry is communicated to me by Letter for the purpose of being made known to the Nawaub it obviates all difficulty or objection as to the form of the address or consequence of the Seal used. In this respect no difficulty has occurred with the Collectors of Rajeshye & Nuddeah whose Letters with attested Copies have been forwarded thro' me occasionally.

6. It does not occur to me that I could with any Propriety break the Seal of your Letter to the Nawaub without express Sanction either from His Highness or you. Under existing Circumstances & the established Usage of Communication with him on points connected with the public Service he could do no otherwise than

send the Letter to me & I had no Option in the disposal of it except to return it to the Writer in which you may be assured no Disrespect was intended either by His Highness or myself either to you or the public service nor can I conceive that the act can be placed in a Point of view admitting such construction.

7. Neither am I aware that an application from you to the Darogah of Cossem Gunge calling for Information on points connected with his official Duty as an Agent in charge of Lands could be considered as an abasement of the Collector or of his official situation which I suppose must frequently induce his issuing Purwannahs of Requisition & enquiry to Individuals Naibs or Agents of Zemindars Talookdars & other Landholders by no means superior in Rank or Character to the Darogah in question.

I have explained to His Highness that no failure of Respect was meant in the form of the Address adopted by your Moonshee & I do myself the pleasure to enclose herewith for your Information on future similar occasions the form of Addresses or Communications with His Highness.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 27th October 1803.

T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.*

[105]

H. C. Plowden Esqr.,
Collector of Government Customs, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I received yesterday a Letter from His Highness the Nawaub stating that Mods. 2,981 of Chunam provided for the use of the Kellah & imported under a Rowannah from the Custom Master at Dacca (which I enclose for your Information) were arrived at Bogwangolah but that your People had interferred to prevent its being landed & transported to the City.

2. I have also the pleasure to enclose for your Information Copy of a Letter from the Secretary to Government in the Political Department & of an enclosure received therewith in consequence of my having on the 3d of September addressed Mr. Secretary Edmonstone stating that this dispatch of Chunam was expected from Sylhet & praying that the necessary Orders might be issued to the Custom Master at Dacca relative to its passing his Chokies. It appears by the date of the Rowannah that the Duty had been levied previous to the Order for its exemption being issued I conclude that it has under application from the Nawaub's Darogah been returned.

I beg to recommend that His Highness's People may be permitted to land & import the Chunam subject to reference for the Orders of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General as to any future Call for Duties which can always be recovered without difficulty if it should be thought proper.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 2d November 1803.

T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nizt. Affairs.*

[106]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to transmit under cover herewith Letters of Congratulation addressed to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General by their Highnesses the Nawaub & the Bhegum & by Juggut Seet on the occasion of the surrender of Agra to the British Arms as detailed in the Gazette Extraordinary forwarded to me on the 28th ultimo by Capt. Armstrong Acting Military Secretary to His Excellency.

2. I also enclose a Letter to your Address sent to me this morning by Juggut Seet.

I take the Liberty of requesting you will do me the honour to express to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General my sincere congratulation on the rapid brilliant successes which have attended our arms in the different Quarters of India evincing the Wisdom with which Measures are planned & the Gallantry with which they are executed.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 3rd November 1803.

T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nizt. Affs.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—In continuation of my address of the 13th of August on the Subject of the Claim of Rutton Doss against the Nawaub Syed Murteza Khan Behadre I have now the honour to inform you that Ruttun Doss attended me two days ago accompanied by the Nawaub Saidoo's principal Dewan and in my presence acknowledged that he had received full Payment and Satisfaction of the sum lent and had executed a Razeenamah or discharge in full which discharge he delivered before me to Saidoo's Dewan at whose pressing Instance in the name of his principal I affixed my official attestation to it and have the honour to enclose a copy herewith.

2. In consequence I have conformably to the letter of the 2d Paragraph of my Instructions of the 24th December 1801 sent the necessary Information to the Collector for his Guidance and have requested that he will no longer consider the Nawaub Saidoo's stipend under attachment, but that he will pay him up to the period of the issue to this time of the Nizamut stipends generally.

3. This amicable adjustment of the dispute between the Parties may I am willing to hope relieve you from the trouble of trespassing on His Excellency's leisure with any Representation on the subject of my address of the 13th of August.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 8th November 1803.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affs.*

[108]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose you Copy of a Letter I have just received from Major Fleming for the purpose of its being submitted if you shall deem it proper to the Consideration of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council I have nothing to offer on the Subject of Major Flemings Claims & expectations in addition to what I have represented in my Letters of

the 8th December 1802, 1st of August & 9th of September last.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, T. Pattle,
the 22d November 1803. *Supt. Nizt. Affairs.*

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T. F. Bevan Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In consequence of Representation from Relations of the Nawaub Delawaur Jung, entitled to share in the Stipend which he receives from Government, stating that he Keeps them considerably in arrears after the monthly Issues are made from your Treasury I have to request you will do me the favour to state for my Information to what period Delawaur Jung's Stipend of Rs. 11,200 Pr. mensem has been paid specifying when it was issued for the month of August & for each month subsequent to August which has already been received by the Nawaub aforesaid.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, T. Pattle,
the 22d Novr. 1803. *Supt. of Nizt. Affrs.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to transmit you herewith Copy of some Correspondence with Major Fleming on the Subject of a Claim made by the Custom Master at Moorshedabad for a Duty of 4 Pr. Cent besides his Commission on some Chunam imported for the Service of the building erecting for the Residence of His Highness the Nawaub which Importation was covered by a Rowannah from the Custom House at Dacca where it appears the Duties of Government were fully discharged. I request you will favour me with a Communication of the Commands of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council whether this Demand for City Duties is to be complied with by Major Fleming on the present & future similar occasions.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, T. Pattle,
the 24th November 1803. *Supt. Nizt. Affs.*

Note of accompanyments to the above Letter from Major Fleming of 10th October 1803
Letter to Do. Do. of 11th October 1803
Letter from Do. Do. of 22d November 1803
with Copies of two enclosures annexed thereto.

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Coll. Samuel Watson,
Commanding the Station Berhampore.

Sir,—I have the honour to enclose you for your Information Extract of a Letter from the Resident at Lucnow of date the 10th Instant addressed to the Agent at Benares of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General & by him officially forwarded to me.

2. I intrude on you with this Communication because it is possible Mr. Brooke acting Agent for His Excellency at Benares may have omitted to make known to you the Intentions of Government regarding Mr. Perron & his Suite, and because it is more than probable from your local situation as the Party travel by water you will hear sometime before I shall of their arrival in this neighbourhood in which Case I shall be much obliged if you will favour me with early Intimation thereof.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, T. Pattle,
the 24th November 1803. *Supt. Nizt. Affs.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I take the Liberty respectfully to solicit your attention to my Address of the 22d of July last & to represent to you that it would tend materially to my Convenience if you would be so kind as to submit it to the Notice of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General & obtain his Sanction for my being reimbursed the amount expended by me under His Lordship's Orders conveyed by your letter of the 3d of June in the purchase of a Khelaut which was given to Juggut Seat.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, T. Pattle,
the 9th December 1803. *Supt. Nizt. Affs.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to submit herewith copy of a Representation which I received on the 22d Ultimo from Goreharra Bhegum sister of the Nawaub Delawaur Jung who receives 2,000 Rs. Pr. Mensem out of the said Nawaub's Pension of Rs. 11,200 from Government for the Support of her & of two sons and a daughter ; as she stated that she was in arrears from the month of July I called upon the Collector for Information as to the period to which Delawaur Jung's Stipend had been paid as I had understood the Nizamut Stipends generally had been issued to the month of October inclusive the Collector informed me in answer on the day following that "the Nawaub Delwaur Jung had not called for the payment of his Stipend since the month of July last."

2. I in consequence addressed the Nawaub Delawaur Jung on the 24th November & stated the substance of the Representation I had received from his sister & the Information furnished by the Collector & prayed him to take immediate measures to relieve the distress of his sister by paying up the arrears due to her to the period that other stipends had been issued or to inform me if any Objection existed to a measure which appeared to me so equitable that I might if necessary report upon the Subject to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General to this letter tho' near four weeks have elapsed I have not received any answer & am daily importuned by the Vakeel of Gorehara Bhegum urgently representing her difficulties & enquiring the Result of my Mediation.

3. On what principle or for what purpose a Person apparently so involved as is the Nawaub Delawaur Jung (whose Creditors are clamourous in all quarters & of whose family various branches are sustaining the most trying distress which I have on different occasions lately been obliged to represent) should decline or delay receiving at such periods as he is enabled to receive the Stipend assigned by Government not merely for his support but for that of her family generally & collectively baffles all conjecture. I have only further to submit my request that you will report the Circumstance to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General & favour me with such Orders as His Excellency may be pleased to issue in consequence.

I receive repeatedly the most urgent applications from the Nawaub Meer Mahomed Kauzim Delawaur Jung's brother whose Situation I had the honour to represent to you on the 27th May & 18th December 1802 & 30th of April last. The distress of his situation is much aggravated by the considerable lapse of time as the credit which he formerly had is exhausted no one will advance him anything on Loan for his support and those who have supplied him hitherto are clamorous for Payment & threaten him with Prosecutions in the Courts of Justice.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 17th December 1803.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affrs.*

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Robert Keith Dick Esqr.,
Judge & Magistrate of Zillah Sylhet.

Sir,—His Highness the Nawaub Nussur-ool Moolk having been pleased to depute the Bearer Furrud Ullah Khan as his Darogah to Sylhet for the purpose of catching Elephants & providing Chunam for the use of the Nizamut, has desired me to furnish Furrud Ullah with this Letter of Introduction to you & at the same time to request you will pay attention to any application he may eventually find it necessary to prefer to you.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 21st December 1803.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affrs.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—In consequence of my intimating to Major Fleming that His Highness the Nawaub had a few days since expressed to me his earnest wish that the Major would lose no time in commencing on the Poostah or retaining wall on the Western side of the spot intended for the site of the Palace observing that if it was not begun soon the season would not suffice for it's being completed previous to the Commencement of the Rains. Major Fleming has addressed me a letter of which I have the honor to enclose a Copy for the purpose of it's being submitted to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General, and shall be happy to receive through you His Lordship's Commands on the subject of the application it contains.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 2nd January 1804.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward you Copy of a Letter from Major Fleming on the Subject of some Timbers which are offered to him on terms apparently very advantageous for the use of the Building intended as a Palace for the Nawaub, and for the purchase of which he very urgently requests an immediate supply of Cash. As my former applications on his behalf for Money to enable him to carry on the Work are under reference I have nothing to add on the present occasion.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 11th January 1804.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

[117]

J. J. B. Proby Esqr.,
Custom Master at Dacca.

Sir,—I have received a Representation from Her Highness the Munnee Bhegum stating that 520 Ps. of fine Muslins and other Cloths provided as usual at Dacca by her agent Cauloo Sahoo for her own immediate use and of her Household are ready for dispatch, but that it has been intimated that a Rowannah will not be granted unless the Duties according to established Rates are paid thereon.

I had the honour to address you on the 4th of April on a similar subject and as I then transmitted to the Secretary to Government in the Political Department copy of my address to you of that date for the purpose of its being laid before His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council I received on the 21st May an answer informing me that His Excellency had not only authorized the remission of Duties on the parcel of Cloths which had caused that reference touching which the necessary orders were then issued to the Board of Trade (of which copy was sent to me) but that His Excellency further meant, to take into early consideration the expediency of framing an arrangement calculated to provide for the permanent remission of Duties on articles purchased for the use of the Households of their Highness the Nawaub & Bhegum without Hazarding the abuse of such Indulgence, and as the orders to the Board of Trade of 19th May of which copy was sent to me. state that His Excellency in Council had been pleased to determine that the property of His Highness the Nawaub and of the Munny Bhegum should pass without paying Duty, I am inclined to hope that this application from me, officially, will Suffice to induce you to pass Duty for the five hundred & seventy pieces now ready for dispatch and that I may be spared the trouble of intruding upon Government with a separate Representation on each distinct occasion which would of course

cause a mortifying and unpleasant Delay to the Personages interested.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 23d January 1804.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affs.*

[118]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to transmit you under Cover herewith Copy of a Letter received a few days ago from Her Highness the Munnee Bhegum enclosing Copies of Arzees to her from Syed Mahomed Ally Cawn Bahadre & from Syed Toraub Ally transcripts of which are also submitted herewith.

From all the Information I can obtain I believe the Parties in question experience fully all the Inconvenience they state especially Toraub Ally who sometime since married a Grand-daughter of the late Nawaub Meerum, by whom he has one Child, he has been obliged to abscond in consequence of Prosecutions & Judgements against him in the City Court. The Pretensions of his wife to a Share of the Pension enjoyed by the late Salea Bhegum are fully stated in the Proceedings of the Nizamut Committee of the 1st July 1802 extract of which was enclosed in a short address from them of date the 12th November 1802 under Construction of Orders that this matter should be reported on separately from the general Affairs of the Nizamut—Having taken the Liberty to state thus much for the sake of more ready reference I have only to leave to you the expediency of bringing the matter at as early a period as Circumstances may admit under the Notice of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 6th February 1804.

T. Pattle, *Supt. of Nizt. Affs.*

[119]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to enclose a Letter addressed to you by His Highness the Nawaub on the Subject of the difficulties & Interruptions experienced by his Agent Shaik Warress Ally deputed to Dacca, Tipperah & Mymensing as advised on my address of the 1st of October last to which I request the favour of your reference. His Highness has again written to me fully & pressing on the Subject but as his Letter contains no matter beyond what is fully stated in that to you which I have now the honour to enclose, It is not necessary I should intrude further upon you except to request that you will make such Representation touching the Release of the Newaureh Mehauls as may appear to you requisite for the Information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General that the necessary Steps may be adopted to give effect to the benevolent Intentions expressed in His Excellencys Letter to the Newaub of the 9th July 1802.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 29th February 1804.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affs.*

[120]

C. Scaly Esqr.,
Acting Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honour to send you copies of Letters which I have this morning received from their Highnesses the Nawaub & the Munnee Bhegum together with copy of a Petition enclosed in the latter, relating to a Dacoity which was committed on Friday evening in the neighbourhood of the Palace & in the very heart of the City. The Circumstance has occasioned so considerable consternation and such general alarm that I have received several other Representations on the Subject as well personal as by letter. It is stated that Robbery occurred about eight in the evening close to the Cutwally Cutcherry of Zemeerutdien Cutwaul.

2. I understand some of the Nawaub's Servants were wounded by the Dacoits & that one is since dead of his wounds. I am persuaded you will feel equally with myself the urgent Necessity of using the most diligent exertion & taking the most effectual measures to discover apprehend & bring to Justice the Perpetrators of so daring an outrage which appears to bid defiance to all authority & to set at nought the Vigilance which ought to be maintained by an active efficient & well regulated Police on which the Inhabitants of the City will place very little Dependence if it cannot afford Protection from such glaring Violence at an hour when such events are little to be expected.

3. I would suggest the expediency of offering Rewards for the apprehension of the Culprits & of Stimulating the Officers of Police to activity of exertion to the same effects by intimating that Loss of Office must aware [await?] supineness of conduct on occasions which appear to implicate the general System of existing Police in the City.

4. I have assured their Highnesses the Nawaub & Bhegum that they may confidently rely on every practicable Exertion on your part in a matter of so much consequence to the future peace of the City entrusted to your care.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, Sunday, the 8th April 1804.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affs.* (*Illegible*).

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T. F. Bevan Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose for your Information by the particular desire of the Nawaub Syed Murteza Cawn Behadre Copy of a letter which I received from him this day on the Subject of the Assignment of his Stipend from July to November inclusive.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 9th April 1804.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nt. Affs.*

[122]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department; Fort William.

Sir,—On the 8th of November I had the honour to address you on the subject of a Proposition from His Highness the Nawaub respecting a New Plan which had

been submitted to him & which he was desirous should be substituted in lieu of the Plan of a Palace for his Residence which accompanied my Letter to you of the 1st of August 1803 & I then stated my Intention of transmitting the Plan for the Information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General. I received it two days since from the Nawaub thro' the Medium of Mr. Reed the Gentleman who proposed it & executed the drawing of the Ground Plan & Elevation which I have the honour to transmit herewith.

2. I cannot too forcibly describe how extremely anxious the Nawaub is that the desired Substitution should take place. On Inspection of the two Plans the decided superiority of that now sent in point of Elegance as to external appearance & in point of those Comforts & Conveniences so essential for Residence of Natives of Rank & Distinction is evident & striking to immediate Observation & His Highness has at repeated Interviews stated to me his most earnest desire that I would accompany the transmission of the Present Plan with expressions of his very anxious hope that His Excellency the Governor General would acquiesce in his wish to be accommodated with a Residence on the Plan prepared by Mr. Reed reiterating on the occasion the arguments he used in his Letter of which Copy under mark B was forwarded with my address of the 8th November last.

3. As Major Fleming was furnished with Copies of the Ground & working Plans as also with rough Sketches of Elevation & designs he has from them prepared an Estimate of the probable expense of carrying the work into Execution. I have the honour to transmit herewith copy of the Estimate he has sent me & of his Letter which accompanied it under date the 29th ultimo. His Estimate for the building on the former Plan amounted to Rs. 2,08,961, the exceeding of expence by substituting the present plan is 1,37,317 as his present Estimate amounts to Sa. Rs. 3,46,278 the difference of charge is certainly very great, but may be supposed to be compensated for by the difference of accommodation & appearance of the two buildings. It appears by the concluding part of the first Paragraph of Major Flemings letter that a further charge will be incurred for the Construction of the intended Dome.

4. As I had the honour to represent to you in my address of the 1st of August I possess little knowledge & have had very little advantage of experience in building I cannot therefore venture to offer any decided opinion on the articles of charge or component Items of the Estimate submitted, it is a subject on which Men practically & professionally informed can alone decided [*sic*] with confidence & I can on this Score or other points collaterally connected with it propose nothing in addition to what I stated in my former address of date above quoted to which I respectfully crave reference for the Consideration of His Excellency the Governor General when he shall be pleased to decide on the Subject of building for the accommodation of His Highness the Nawaub who frequently in conversation has referred to those points I submitted in the 7th and 10th Paragraphs of my former letter.

5. In Major Flemings Letter of the 29th March of which Copy accompanies he states an intended alteration in the mode of constructing the Poostah or retaining Western wall on grounds & for reasons which he therein details. I have since received a Letter from him of date the 7th Instant accompanied by an amended Estimate & a Sketch in Section of the proposed Work, which together with Copies of his Letter & Estimate I have now the honour to transmit for the purpose of their being submitted to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General.

6. In my former Letter I stated it as my opinion that the Estimate then submitted of Rs. 1,23,751 appeared very moderate & admissible for a work of such considerable extent calculated for purposes of necessity apparently indispensable. Now that this charge is increased near a Lac of Rupees & the aggregate Expense almost doubled I confess I feel considerable difficulty in forming an opinion on the Subject & in urging the adoption of a Plan of which I do not consider myself a competent Judge but as the Scale of Operation appears so materially enlarged & I understand that the Wall will advance very considerably into the Channel of the River it appears to me to involve some important considerations which suggest the Propriety and advantage of obtaining as full and particular Information as we can from professional Men especially those who are from constant practise most conversant in Operations of Embankment & most capable of judging of the probable stability & attendant consequences of works of that nature as connected with the proposed purposes of Security & [convenience] to the Palace & its dependencies. It is also to be considered whether the proposed Poostah on a Scale so enlarged will have any & what effect on the general navigation of the River & whether it may not occasion such a diversion of its general Current as to threaten injurious effects in other quarters. On these & other points of similar tendency I should like to have the opinion of the Superintendent of Embankments employed in the Moorshedabad Division before so large a Sum was risqued as the proposed undertaking will require.

7. On the other points touched upon in Major Fleming's letter respecting his pressing Occasions for a Supply of Cash for the purpose of the Service in which he is employed and also for his own private & personal Convenience I can add nothing to the Representations I have already submitted to you when I had the honour of transmitting his former applications on the same subject.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 12th April 1804.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affs.

[123]

H. V. Darell Esqr.,
Commercial Resident at Malda.

Sir,—His Highness the Nawaub Nassir ul Moolk having deputed his Darogah Merza Bakker Ally, as annually customary to procure Mangoes at Malda has desired me to furnish the Darogah with this letter & to request your attention to any application he may eventually find it necessary to prefer to you.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 30th April 1804.

T. Pattle,
Supdt. N. A.

[Identical letters written to the Magistrates of Dinajpur and Purneah, not printed.—Ed.]

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I had on the 29th of February last the honour to forward you a Letter from His Highness the Nawaub on the Subject of the Mission of his Agent Shaik Warriss Ally to Dacca, Tipperah & Mymensing stating certain difficulties he laboured under.

2. I received yesterday a letter from His Highness of which I enclose a Copy for your Information stating his concern at finding a portion of the Newaureh Mehals was advertised for Sale on account balance of Rent due I have informed His Highness in an answer that representation at this period craving Suspension of a public sale of Lands advertised for the 13th of last month can evidently answer no purpose that as he has not furnished me with Copy of the Arzee from Shaik Warriss Ally which enclosed the transcript of the Istehar issued by the Collector dated the 12th Choit or 23d of March I know not how far blame is imputable to Warriss Ally for delay in conveying the Information in time for affording the opportunity of making with effect the necessary representation which certainly might have been done if he had addressed His Highness immediately as the Istehar went forth from the Collector's Office but that as His Highness had particularly requested it I added that I should communicate the Circumstance to you.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 1st May 1804.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nizt. Affs.

[125]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward herewith Copy of a Letter from Major Fleming on the Subject of the personal Inconvenience he sustains from the Circumstance of his allowance for the service he is employed upon being unsettled & withheld, I can add nothing to the Representations I have already made on the occasion of transmitting you Major Fleming's former applications on the same Subject except bearing testimony, in compliance with his request, that since his arrival he has been actively & almost uniformly employed on the duty allotted to him.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 16th May 1804.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nizt. Affs.

[126]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—At the particular request of Major Fleming I transmit herewith Copy of a Letter he addressed me on the 3d Instant & of two enclosures which accompanied it for the purpose of your submitting, if you shall deem it proper & expedient, to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General, Major Fleming's request to be removed during his present Employment from under the Command of the Officer Commanding the Berhampore Station.

I am at a loss to conceive from what motive the Restriction imposed by Coll. Watson originated but it certainly appears of a very extraordinary nature.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 6th June 1804.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

Enclosure No. 1.
Captain W. Burton,
Major of Brigade.

Sir,—I request you will do me the favor to lay the accompanying copy of my Publick instructions before the Commanding Officer and at the same time inform him, that my business now carrying on by virtue of said instructions may very probably suffer materially by a Strict adherence to his Order of Yesterday in consequence of which and because of the inconvenience He himself may suffer from the many applications I may have to make for leave to attend my Duty, (many of which might come at unseasonable Hours) I hope He will be so good as to do away the restriction.—I have etc.

Berhampoor,
the 2d June 1804.

George Fleming, *Major,*
E. O. P. W.

Enclosure No. 2.
Major Fleming,
Station Engineer.

Sir,—In compliance with your desire contain'd in your Letter of this date, I have the Honor to inform you that Colonel Watson Commanding the Station directed me yesterday to wait upon you, and to inform you it was his Order you should not go to the City of Moorshedabad without his Sanction, but in this Order He did not mean to restrict your going to Dinner at Moidapoor or any place in the Neighbourhood.—I have etc.

Berhampore,
the 2d June 1804.

Wm. Burton,
Major of Brigade.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I request you will do me the favor to submit to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General that I received yesterday Letters in very pressing Terms from their Highnesses the Nawaub & Munnee Bhegum (copies of which are enclosed for your Information) entreating me to represent the Inconvenience sustained by the Payment of the Stipend being upwards of two months in arrears & praying that some means might be adopted of affording early relief.

The answers of the Collector to the application made to him by their Highnesses does not hold out any expectation of early Supplies & as the civil Salaries & Establishments for March last due the 25th ultimo under Gazette notification still remain undischarged I con-

clude the Demands on the Collectors Treasury far exceed any resources immediately in contemplation.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 8th June 1804.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affairs.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to forward you copy of a Letter I have received from Gorehara Bhegum on the Subject of the great distress she sustains in consequence of payment of her allowance having now been suspended for the last ten months ; altho' the Nawaub Dilawaur Jung has regularly received from the Collectors Office the aggregate of the Stipend allotted for the general Support of the family of the late Nawaub Muzuffur Jung.

2. I am informed from good authority that Parties who have lately assisted Gorehara with Loans, seeing no prospect of reimbursement as stipulated have brought actions against her in the Adawlut and that an Istehar has issued from the City Court & has been affixed on the outer door of her residence citing her appearance to give answer.

3. I have every reason to apprehend that Gorcharas distress is full as urgent as she states & it must be very evident that the retard of decision on her representations must tend to aggrevate her difficulties whilst the delay seems to encourage Delawar Jung in the exercise of these acts of oppression & Injustice which he formerly attempted & which caused the Interposition of the Governor General in October 1797 when the Line was drawn for the Guidance of Delawaur Jung & for the protection of the female branches of his family. Under Circumstances now stated I have only to express my hope that an early opportunity may be afforded you of submitting these matters of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General as I am persuaded it must be your wish that relief should be afford to the sufferer. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 15th June 1804.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

[129]

T. F. Bevan Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have in the course of this month received repeated & very earnest applications from their Highnesses the Nawaub & the Munnee Bhegum stating the extreme distress & Inconvenience they sustain by the Payment of the Stipends being so very considerably in arrears & I have in consequence addressed the Secretary to Government in the Persian Department on the Subject of those Representations, but as it does not appear from the tenor of your Letters to their Highnesses (of which they sent me Copy) nor from the Conversation I had with you yesterday on the Subject that you have any Prospect of early material Reduction of the heavy arrear already incurred I feel it my duty to address you as well from the general tenor of my public Instructions of the 24th December 1801 as from the very pointed terms in which His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General was pleased to direct the Sub Secretary to Government in the Political Department under date the 26th June 1798 to signify to me "His Excellencys astonishment that the Stipends should have been withheld after the positive Orders passed on that head under date the 22d July 1793 which Orders the Sub Secretary (illegible) His Excellency desires may be in future implicitly abided by" at that time the Stipends were not quite two months in arrears.

2. I shall only crave your Reference to my Letter to the Collector of Moorshedabad under date the 3d July 1798 written in consequence of His Excellencys orders of date above quoted, as what I then represented & the Documents which I then enclosed & to which I craved reference appear to me equally or more directly applicable to the present Position of the Nizamut Stipend & exigencies & consequently having called your attention thereto I trust it will be considered that I have done everything that depends upon me to see that the Stipend is regularly disbursed and the Orders of Government on the Subject thereof as applicable to urgency of situation conformed to.

3. If however the Orders of Government of the 22d July 4th & 19th September 1793 and 7th of April 1794 which direct that "the Collector shall raise funds in cases of emergency for the immediate payment of the Nizamut Stipends should the Assets of his Treasury be unequal to the demands on that account which is to precede all others" have been rescinded or superseded by any subsequent Instructions to your Department it would be very satisfactory to me that the same should be communicated for my Information to prevent my trespassing unnecessarily upon your time with references in consequence of applications from their Highnesses the Nawaub & Bhegum.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 19th June 1804.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affrs.*

[130]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—In continuation of my address of the 15th Instant I have the honour to forward you Copy of a Letter I have since received from Goreharra Bhegum accompanied by Copies of the Istehars or Proclamations affixed by order of the City Judge, on the outer Door of the said Bhegum's dwelling house. It appears by her Representation that her Sons having received from their Mother the full arrears of their allowance to April last or Bysack 1211 B. S. inclusive, are now contriving to induce their Uncle to pay it them distinct from the arrear which he has withheld of the Bhegum's pension, for the last ten months I have in compliance with her request sent the requisite Intimation to the Nawaub Sowlut Jung and to Rajah Deby Sing who generally manages the pecuniary Concerns of the Nawaub Delawaur Jung & I forward Goreharras Representation

to you to evince that by delay in issuing order on her former applications some Embarrassment and confusion may be apprehended.

I do not trouble you with copies of the Istehars as they are mere official documents in the usual Form the one citing her appearance to defend an action brought by Deby Persaud for Rs. 791 against her and her elder son for Mahomed Haschun the other to defend a Suit instituted by Doon Sing & Deby Persaud for Rs. 1,692-9 against her & Mahomed Jaffer her second son. I have in my answer stated that in the very unpleasant Predicament in which she is by Delawaur Jung placed it is advisable she should appoint some person to (illegible) up appearance on her behalf to defend the actions above stated.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 19th June 1804. — T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Since I had the honour to address you on the 8th Instant on the Subject of the distress of the Nawaub & Bhegum in consequence of the heavy arrear of the Stipend I have received pressing application from their Highnesses to know if I had received from you any Intimation that Funds had been assigned for their speedy relief as the third month was so near lapsing which would occasion an arrear more considerable than had been usual in the Department.

The earnestness of these reiterated applications from the Durbar induced me on the 19th Instant to address the Collector more pointedly on the Subject & to request his attention to the orders of Government passed in the Years 1793 & 1794 touching the Payment of the Stipends which orders I have never been told were revoked. I take the Liberty to send herewith Copy of my letter to Mr. Bevan & of his answer that you may judge of the expediency of following up the application which it appears the Collector has made to the Accountant General by any representation to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 21st June 1804. — T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

[132]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department, Fort William.

Sir,—Accompanying I have the honor to transmit Letters addressed to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General by their Highnesses the Nawaub & the Munnee Bhegum on the Subject of the Inconvenience sustained by the considerable retard in the payment of the Stipend. I have assured their Highnesses that His Excellency is not inattentive to their Situation and that measures are in progress to enable the Collector to discharge a Portion of the arrear for which purpose Remittances of near a Lac of Rupees are expected from Rungpore & Dinagepore very shortly.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 2d July 1804. — T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

[133]

Philip Coales Esqr.,
Commercial Resident at Patna.

Sir,—I have been requested by His Highness the Nawaub Nazer ul Moolk to request you will be so obliging as to forward his annual supply of Salt Petre as early as may be convenient after the receipt of this Letter as his Stock is entirely expended. The Bogarutty has been sometime open for the admission of Boats of Considerable Burthen.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 2d July 1804. — T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

[134]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Departt., Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit you Copy of a Letter I have just received from Major Fleming for the purpose of its being submitted, if you shall deem it proper, to the Consideration of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council. I have nothing to offer on the Subject of Major Flemings Claims & expectations in addition to what I have represented in my Letters of the 8th December 1802, 1st of August, 9th of September & 22d of November 1803.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 5th July 1804. — T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

[135]

Philip Coales Esqr.,
Commercial Resident at Patna.

Sir,—I was yesterday favoured with your Letter of the 29th Instant advising the total Loss of one thousand Maunds of Salt Petre dispatched for the service of His Highness the Nawaub of Bengal.

2. I have addressed the Secretary to Government in the Political Department stating the Circumstance, & requesting that the Sanction may be obtained of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General for a fresh supply of an equal quantity to replace that which has been lost and that it may be dispatched with the least possible delay, because as I had the honour to advise you in my letter of the 2d Instant His Highnesses Stock has been sometime expended, When orders shall issue to send another supply I strongly recommend that the whole quantity be not trusted in one boat which I do not recollect was ever practised except on the present occasion it is advisable to divide the quantity at least in two if not in three boats.

3. I never received the Letter of advice you mention from Mr. Larkins of the 18th Instant nor any Intimation whatever that the annual Supply had been dispatched, of course I have this day had the unpleasant task of communicating to His Highness the Nawaub that the Saltpetre had been forwarded from Patna that the unfortunate accident had occurred on the 23d ultimo occasioning the total Loss of the whole Quantity.—I am &ca.

Moorshedabad, the 9th July 1804. — T. Pattle, *Supt. N. A.*

[136]

Major Geo. Fleming,
Executive Officer of Engineers, Berhampore.

Sir,—On transmitting for the Information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General a Statement of the expense incurred on the building erected on the cite of the Old Khalsa at Moorshedabad as an office for my personal accommodation I introduced a charge for the expense of Painting (inside & outside amounting to Sa. Rs. 320) and then stated that the Estimate which you furnished me on the 29th March 1803 (and which I transmitted on the 5th of April following and which Estimate was approved by His Lordship) did not include the necessary charge for painting of course this became an Item of excess in disbursement. His Excellency tho' he has passed the Account has been pleased to require me to explain why the necessary charge for painting was not included in the original Estimate an enquiry I cannot answer without reference for Information to the Quarter from whence the Estimate was handed to me.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 11th July 1804.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of the N. A.

[137]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Departt.,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th Instant and in answer to your inquiry in the concluding Paragraph thereof I beg leave to state for the Information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council that when I transmitted on the 5th of April 1803 Major Flemings detailed Estimate of the 29th of March 1803 of the expense of erecting the proposed building at the city the omission in question wholly escaped my notice, nor did I examine a Statement coming from a professional Man with that minute accuracy which the event shews was requisite.

Having in consequence of your Letter called upon Major Fleming for the requisite explanation of the Omission on his part I have the honor to transmit Copy of his answer to me which I trust may be deemed satisfactory.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 13th July 1804.

T. Pattle,
Supt. N. Affs.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 15th Instant enclosing one from His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General to the address of His Highness the Nabob Nausser ool Moolk whose answer to His Excellency I have now the pleasure to forward under Cover herewith.—I remain etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 20th July 1804.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of the N. A.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Departt.,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 15th Instant advising a dispatch of two hundred Maunds of Salt Petre for the present supply of the Nabob & his family.

The Salt Petre arrived in good order a few days since and a receipt was given to the Burdar who brought it and the acknowledgement by letter of His Highness the Nawaub for this gracious Mark of attention on the part of His Excellency the Governor General was transmitted with my address of the 20th Instant.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 31st July 1804.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nizt. Affs.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—In conformity to the Commands of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General conveyed in your letter of the 14th which I received on the 25th ultimo I attended by appointment of the Nawaub on Saturday last at the Kellah, & had the honour of delivering to His Highness His Excellency's Letter which you transmitted, & at the same time of presenting to the Nawaub His Lordship's Portrait which he received in full Durbar with every Mark of grateful Respect & marked admiration as well for the very striking Resemblance as for the admirable execution of the Portrait.

His Highnesses Sentiments on the Occasion are so particularly & fully expressed in the answer to the Letter from His Excellency the Governor General which I have the honour to send you herewith that it is unnecessary for me to enlarge here on the Subject of the general Satisfaction derived by the whole of the family on this Single Mark of favour & friendship manifested by His Lordship.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 2d August 1804.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nizt. Affrs.

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Philip Coales Esqr.,
Commercial Resident at Patna.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo.

2. I have been informed by a Letter from the Secretary to Government of date the 15th ultimo that "Orders have been issued to you thro' the Board of Trade to replace with the least practicable delay the quantity of Saltpetre destined for the annual consumption of the family of His Highness the Nawaub Nausserool Moolk" which Instruction I conclude reached you soon after you did me the favor to answer my letter I have in consequence informed His Highness that the Boats may be expected very shortly.

3. Any Letter of advice which Mr. Larkins may have sent to the Post Office at Patna on the 18th of June must

have been mislead there, as it is evident such was not forwarded here in proof of which I have the honor to enclose you an exact Copy of the English Chelaun sent from Patna on the 18th of June with the Packet for Moorshedabad dispatched on that day & received at the Post Office here on the 25th of the same month & I also send you Extract in Persian (with Translate thereof) from the records of the Post Office here shewing in particular detail the appropriate addresses of the nine Letters contained in the dispatch from Patna of date aforesaid by this you will observe there was none for me & the only public Letter in the dispatch was one for the Collector of Government Customs at this Station. In the present Case the Circumstance is not of great consequence but as is generally very material that the detail of business in the Department of the Post Office should be conducted with minute precision I have felt it my duty to ascertain whether the Blame rested with the office at this station & you may if you please enquire how far it attaches to the Office at Patna.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 6th August 1804.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affs.*

Copy of the Chelaun which came from the Patna Post Office with the Packet of Letters dispatched from thence the 18th & received at Moorshedabad the 25th of June 1804.

7 Letters ppd.
1 Do. Service
1 Do. Tre.

Extract from the Record of the Moorshedabad Post Office.

Particulars of Chelaun of Letters from Patna dispatched thence 18th June 1804 dated the 25th June Moorshedabad.

2 Letters for Berhampore Vizt.	*7 for Moorshedabad*
One for Mr. Cristie	one for Mr. Plowden on public service
One for Capt. Burton	one for Moonshee Sujah ut dien Mahomed
	one for Kishen Persaud Bose
	one for Ghaugoo Shadoo
	one for Nunderam Jagrenaut
	One for Ramcaunt Paul
	One for Mirza Abool Hossein
2	7

The last article is written very indistinctly the Dawk Moonshee here says the letter it refers to was that for Mr. Cristie at Berhampore which coming from Gawzypore & having inland Postage paid there & not at Patna is distinguished from the letters put into the Office at Patna on which Postage was paid at Patna & from that on public service addressed to Mr. Plowden.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to transmit herewith an address from Seat Obychurn to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General accompanied by a separate Derkhast on the subject of his request to be honoured with a Khelaut & Title as devolving on the demise of his elder brother Maharaje Oodow Chend, an occasion on which His Excellency was pleased to honour Seat Obychurn with a Letter of Condolence under date the 11th April 1801. He refers to an Arzee which he had the honour to present to His Lordship when His Excellency was last at this place & to an Address forwarded thro' my office on the 20th of November 1802.

I have also the honour to send under Cover herewith a Letter from Seat Obychurn to your address in continuation of one which I forwarded in October 1803. —I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 14th August 1804.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

[143]

Philip Coales Esqr.,
Commercial Resident at Patna.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 2d Ultimo duplicate of which was on the 24th of the month delivered by your Burdar. The Salt Petre has been received by the Darogah of the Meersaumanee on the part of His Highness the Nawaub & turns out Mds. of 79-6 as. Sa. Wt. 901-10-10 for which the receipt of the Darogah is enclosed.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 1st September 1804.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affairs.*

[144]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to submit to you herewith copy of a letter received from Her Highness the Munnee Bhegum on the subject of the received & accumulating stipends derived by Salia Bhegum and Fazulut Nessa Bhegum deceased and also relative to her application long since submitted in favour of Syed Mahomed Mehadee Khan who married a Grand-daughter of the late Nawaub Meer Mahomed Jaffur.

I also enclose copy of a letter from the Nawaub Syed Murteza Khan Behader on the subject generally of his increasing embarrassments and more especially of his distress from the Injury his Habitation sustained by the very tempestuous weather we had in the close of the last and commencement of the present month I have on former occasions so fully represented the Nawaub

Saidoos situation that I have nothing to add generally on the subject, but feel it incumbent to state that when I paid him a visit at the commencement of the Rains his Residence then in a State of such woeful dilapidation to be totally unfit for the abode of any person of Rank and indeed not in any part of it weather proof and his whole domestic oeconomy exhibited a striking picture of the deranged state of his affairs.

I have deemed it my duty to submit these Circumstances to you who will best Judge of the expediency and of the time most adapted for laying the whole or any part thereof before His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 31st October 1804.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affairs.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political & Persian Departt., Fort William.

Sir,—Some private business of a nature particularly urgent calling me to the Presidency I request you will do me the favor to Solicit the sanction of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General for my being absent from my Station from the 15th Instant until the 15th of January next.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 1st November 1804.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affairs.*

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Courtney Smith Esqr.,
Judge of the Dewanny Adawlut of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th Instant with its enclosure & I have applied to Major Fleming on the Subject of the Claim set up by Shayonaut Sing for a balance due on account of bricks delivered, as I conclude you have instructed the Complaint to attend either me or Major Fleming for the purpose of having his Account adjusted.

2. As by Section 9 of Regulation 3 of 1793 the Jurisdiction of the Zillah & City Courts is not declared to extend to either the covenanted Civil Servants *generally* or the Military Officers in the employ of the Company I am of opinion that without especial authority from Government on a reference & report of the particular predicament in which Major Fleming Stands adverting to the Duty allotted to him at the Durbar of His Highness the Nawaub Major Fleming cannot be cited to appear or to give answer to any Complaint preferred in the Dewanny Adawlut of either the City or Zillah. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 16th November 1804.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affs.*

[147]

Major Geo. Fleming.

Sir,—I transmit you enclosed Copy of a Derkhasht presented to the Judge of the Dewanny Adawlut of Zillah Moorshedabad (and by him forwarded with a Letter to me) by a Man named Shayonaut Sing claiming from you a balance due on account of Bricks delivered for the purpose of building the Palace. In the event of this Mans having any demand upon you I am satisfied you will not require any urgency on my part to induce you to settle his Account, & on the other hand should the Claim he has set up be unfounded I could wish you to give me on the subject Information as much in detail as may enable me to state the Circumstance to the Judge & obviate his being troubled with further Misrepresentation from this Party.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 26th November 1804.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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Major George Fleming,
Berhampore.

Sir,—I have received the Commands of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council of date the 13th Instant on the Subject of my several applications touching the nature & extent of allowances to be assigned to you for superintending the Construction of a Palace for His Highness the Nawaub at Moorshedabad.

2. His Excellency is pleased to observe to me that he is not aware of any Circumstances connected with the Duty allotted to you which require a deviation from the general Rule established for fixing the allowances of Engineer Officers employed in the Superintendence of public works by the Orders of Government of date the 31st March 1790.

3. According to the Orders of which Copy has been transmitted for my Information you will be entitled to receive a personal allowance of Sa.Rs. 400 Pr. mensem & an Establishment, as detailed List annexed hereunto of Sonaut Rupees 161 Pr. Mensem which His Excellency in Council is pleased to authorize you to draw accordingly.

4. As you have been employed in collecting Materials for the Construction of the proposed Building since the month of November 1802. The Governor General in Council informs me that he is pleased to authorize the Payment of your arrears from that period at the rate above stated.

5. I am further informed that your allowances & Establishment tho' considered as a Durbar Charge are to be paid from the treasury of the Collector of Moorshedabad & that Orders have been issued to that Officer to discharge the arrears due & to continue to pay the allowance now fixed so long as the Work on which you are employed shall be carrying on under your Superintendence. You will accordingly send the necessary bills & receipts to the Collectors Office.

If it should hereafter appear in the performance of the Work entrusted to you that the Assistance of one or two European Overseers should be requisite His Excellency the Governor General in Council has been pleased to delegate to me authority to allow the employment of such as I may deem absolutely necessary in addition to the Establishment hereby fixed for general purposes.—I am etc.

Calcutta, the 24th December 1804.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affs.*

Establishment for an Executive Officer of Public works agreeably to Minutes of Council of the 31st March 1790.

For Instruments & Stationery of all sorts	Sa.Rups.	= 60
Two Sircars	,,	= 30
One Tindal & eight Lascars	,,	= 56
Three Hircarrahs	,,	= 15
	Sa.Rs.	= 161

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Having by desire of their Highnesses the Nawaub & Bhegum purchased 25 Rs. of broad Cloth from the Import Warehouse for clothing for the Sepoys & other Servants of their respective Households a demand has been made of Sa.Rs. 85-14-9 for duties on the purchase money amounting to Sa.Rs. 2,250. Judging from the Result of former applications on similar occasions that it is not the Intention of Government that Duties should be levied on articles for the immediate Consumption of the Nawaub's Household especially on articles issuing from the Hon'ble Company (torn) I take the Liberty of Soliciting you to make the necessary application to the Board of Trade or such other department as may be the regular channel to obtain an order of remission by the Custom Master of the Duties in question —altho' the Sum itself is very trifling I am fully convinced the Nawaub & Bhegum would be much hurt at its being exacted as well on account of the unpleasant Precedent it would establish as because it would be a measure repugnant to the usual favour & Indulgence they have invariably received from Government.—I have etc.

Calcutta,
the 31st December 1804.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—His Highness the Nawaub on my taking Leave of him previous to quiting the City requested I would solicit you to represent to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General that the arms in use by the Sepoys attached to his Establishment had been so long in wear that the greater part thereof or nearly the whole were completely unserviceable as since the time of the Nawaub Jaffer Ally Cawn no fresh Supply had been issued to his People. His Highness observed that it was no longer practicable to purchase in any quantity firelocks or even flints fit for the Service required & as it was very desirable the Sepoys he is permitted to entertain as a personal guard should be properly & decently appointed he indulged a hope that His Excellency the Governor General would oblige him by giving orders for his being furnished with about four hundred stand of new or at least serviceable Firelocks with their appertainances in exchange for an equal number of his useless Guns.

I can from my own observation confirm that the Arms & accoutrements of His Highnesses household troops are in a state of absolute decay, as discreditable in appearance as they would be found useless for any purpose of defence or Protection.—I have etc.

Calcutta,
the 31st Decr. 1804.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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T. Brown Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Public Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I request you will do me the favour to obtain for me the Sanction of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council that Mr. Pattle, Mrs. Lydea Pattle & Miss Eleza Henry Infant together with their Servants Anthony Dias, Hannah Paiba, & Phillis Rozaro Natives of Bengal may be received with their necessaries & Baggage on board the Hon'ble Companys Ship Lord Castlereagh they having taken Passage for Europe on that vessel.—I have etc.

Calcutta,
the 31st December 1804.

T. Pattle.

P.S.—I have the honour to enclose the Sub Treasurers Certificate that I have lodged the usual deposit as Security for the return of the Servants.

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have been honored by the receipt of your letter of the 8th Instant enclosing copy & Translation of a letter from the Nabob Delawer Jung to the address of the Honorable the Governor General, & requiring me to submit for the Information of the Hon'ble the Governor General such observations as I may have to offer on the subject thereof.

2. It is necessary to state that when I am on the spot all letters transmitted to me from yourself or the Secretary in the Political Department addressed to the Durbar, or to Natives of Rank as likewise all letters which I have occasion to write them myself are invariably sent by me of the Chobdars of my Establishment. When I proceeded on the Circuit in September I obtained Mr. Rocke's Permission to forward under Cover to him all letters which I might have occasion to write or to transmit in the Nizamut Department requesting he would observe the mode I practised of sending them on by a Chobdar of his own adding that (as I knew his Establishment was very limited) in the event of his people being fully occupied or hindered by illness at that sickly season, if he would send the letters by a Peon to Roy Monick Chund, first ministerial Agent of Her Highness the Bhegum, that officer would cause them to be duly distributed by proper Messengers attached to the Nizamut.

3. Considering the high Rank and official situation of Roy Monick Chund & his respectable character that the same mode had been adopted on various former occasions especially when in the years 1804/5 I was

detained upwards of eight months in Calcutta without any objection having been offered either on the part of the Durbar of any of Delawer Jung's family or of Juggut Seet & other Natives of Rank & distinction with whom I have necessarily frequent official Communication, I could not conceive that any difficulty or Complaint could have occurred in the present Instance, more especially as Deluwar Jung is in the habit of constant Correspondence with his family and all letters between them pass by the Channel of the private Dauk relayed from hence to Calcutta by His Highness the Nabob, of course the Hircarrahs of His Highness constantly deliver Letters to Saulut Jung and others of his family.

4. On reference to my Notes, I find that on the third of January I forwarded to Mr. Rocke several Persian letters from Nattore, desiring they might be sent to their respective addresses & I learn from Roy Monick Chund that on the 5th of the same month he received these letters from Mr. Rocke in the evening and immediately sent that addressed to Soulut Jung (who has been for several months & is still residing with his father at Chitpore) to the house of Bissaulut Jung the Son-in-Law of Delawer Jung by the hands of Bholah Sing Jemutdar of Hircarrahs to His Highness the Nawaub—who not finding Bissaulut Jung at home sent him the letter early the next morning by one of His Highness Harcarrahs. It appears therefore a forced construction to say that Roy Monick Chund was the channel of communication between me & Soulut Jung & when it is considered that the letter was sealed sent from such a distance not forwarded by me even under Cover to Roy Monick Chund but sent that Mr. Rocke & that Monick Chund was wholly uninformed not only of the subject generally of the letter, but did not know a single word of its contents the Inferences affected to be deduced are quite inadmissible Besides the occurrence itself was wholly casual as you will judge from the perusal of Soulut Jung's letter to me & of my answer of which I have the honor to enclose Copies from the tenor of the former, it is evident I had every reason to suppose that Soulut Jung being at Moorshedabad had received his fathers commands to inform me that he had 4,000 Rupees ready here to pay on account of Doulut-ul-nessa, & my answer was forwarded under that Impression, had I known that Soulut Jung wrote from his fathers house at Chitpour I should instead of sending the letter at all to Mr. Rocke to be by him forwarded have sent it at once to Roy Monick Chund or to some public officer at the Durbar for the purpose of having it transmitted by the Dawk of His Highness as all Delawer Jung's letters usually are, & to this I think no possible objection could have been stated Soulut Jung in his answer to this & to former Letters transmitted in the same manner makes no Objection & if he had stated any or suggested to me that the mode adopted was objectionable to his father, or offensive to his Dignity, I should immediately have written him explanatory apology & have recurred to other mode of Conveyance I cannot think there was a necessity for intruding on the Hon'ble the Governor General on so trifling a matter, especially as the Nabob Delawer Jung has always found me disposed to conciliate & to accommodate him, & Sowlut Jung himself well acknowledge that he has received from me very marked & considerable personal attention arising from a good opinion of him, approval of his character & general conduct, & a high Respect for the memory of my late friend his Gandfather the Nabob Muzuffer Jung with whom I was full forty years ago in habits of friendship & unreserved Intimacy.

5. These considerations might it is fairly presumable have spared me the unpleasantness of such an attack from Delawer Jung but it appears from this & other Instances especially his letter forwarded with yours of the 30th of Novr. last that dissatisfied with the measures adopted by & orders of Government issued in consequence of references my official situation required me to make in matters in which he is concerned he is eager to seize occasion to express himself resentfully of or towards me & equally disposed to adopt any occasion of making his enmity towards Roy Monick Chund who I can safely declare has never in his Intercourse with me betrayed any Ill will towards Delawer Jung or Manifested any desire of Interference direct in the Affairs of the said Nabob but certainly has had occasion under express orders from his superiors their Highnesses the Nabob & the Munnee Bhegum, to make representations at different times to me touching the urgent distresses of Dowlut-ul-Nessa Bhegum aunt to Delawer Jung of the Nabob Meer Mohomed Kazim his brother, & of his son Khadir Jung when these Parties have most earnestly sought & have occasionally obtained Relief from their Highnesses. In the Instance in question there was no Communication from me to Monick Chund the Letter was sent sealed to Mr. Rocke.

In future on any occasion of protracted Absence from this Station I shall invariably leave my Nazir & a Chobdar here to carry all Letters for the Durbar or any natives of Rank, as Mr. Rocke is at present in Calcutta, Reference can easily be made to him if such shall be the pleasure of the Honorable the Governor General to state why he on the 5th of January sent to Roy Monick Chund the letters I forwarded to him from Nattore on the 3d of the Month. On my part I confidently hope that the explanation I have now given will by the Governor General be deemed satisfactory & that having been called upon to submit such observations as occurred on the perusal of Delawer Jung's letter I shall be pardoned for having offered them in so much detail.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 23d February 1807.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nizt. Affrs.

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Shearman Bird Esqr.,
Senior Judge of Appeal & Circuit, Dacca.

Sir,—I do myself the honor to forward you a Letter which I request you will send to the Nabob Shumsud Dowlah & will further trouble you to transmit me any Answer he may be pleased to give. I enclose for your Information Copy of my Letter to Shumsud Dowlah and am with respect.—Your etc.

Moorshedabad, the 7th March 1807.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nt. Affs.

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit under Cover herewith a Letter from His Highness the Nabob addressed to the Honorable the Governor General.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 9th March 1807.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have now the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 17th of September enclosing copy of an Arzee from Danishbund Nittanund to the Hon'ble the Governor General and requiring me to report upon the nature of the claims and Pretensions of the Writer, with reference to his Rank, condition and character I received your letter at Purneah just as I commencing my circuit, and deferred answering it until I should return to the city because I thought I should be able to obtain here more ample distinct and accurate Information on the points of enquiry, than whilst travelling thro' the different Zillahs ; but I have not been able even here to get any very satisfactory accounts such as I can fully depend upon ; because tho' Nittanund has purchased a large house in the city, he very seldom comes here, and never to reside for any length of time. From the result of my enquiries it appears that his origin is obscure being born of honest but indigent Parents of the Tauntey or Weaver Cast, who managed however to give him a very good Education far beyond the general custom of persons of their low condition and being gifted with strong natural Talents their Efforts were not thrown away upon Nittanund, he made a very considerable progress in Persian and in his mother Tongue and being a young Man of some manner and considerable address he got service at very early period of his life with some English Gentleman whose name I have not been able to learn who was employed in a diplomatic character at one of the Durbars of Hindostan and on some occasion he distinguished himself in a battle or skirmish and obtained some Plunder a Booty which laid the first foundation of his fortune. Returning afterwards to Bengal, I trace him for several years in the service of Mr. Mason and other English Gentlemen as Moonshey and Dewan, and in those capacities I apprehend he amassed the bulk of the large fortune of which he is certainly at present possessed. His character is I believe that of the generality of Hindoos mild, orderly and inoffensive as a Zemindar not prone to oppression but very indulgent and considerate to his [riots ?] ; I passed thro' detailed parts of his Zemindarry in my route thro' Purneah, Rungpore, Dinagepore and Beerbhoom and took much pains to inform myself of his general character and demeanour and found him invariably highly spoken of. Of his liberality I have heard many Instances, and we had sometime ago a very marked and decided Proof of it when on the Institution of a native hospital he subscribed and paid down immediately Rs. 2,500 a much larger sum than the Subscription of any other Individual of whatever description with the single exception of Rajah (torn) who subscribed on the same occasion two thousand Rupees. From the best Information I can obtain of his property I believe it may be fairly estimated at about six Lacs of Rupees. Nittanund himself and his immediate Dependents rate it much higher. I have seen the copy of the Firmaun from His Majesty conferring a Title on the Party in question and I wish the Information I have now furnished (imperfect as it is) may enable the Hon'ble the Governor General to decide on his Pretensions to a recognition of his Titles by the British Government ; I venture respectfully to submit as I have before had occasion to do on references nearly similar that the middle class of society amongst the Natives is varying rapidly to extinction which renders it desirable on obvious principles of Policy to give fair encouragement to claims for Precedence and distinction where suitable occasions present themselves.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 16th March 1807.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have been favoured with your Letter of the 28th ultimo enclosing a Letter from the Hon'ble the Governor General which has been duly transmitted to Juggut Seat and I have his acknowledgement of the receipt thereof.

I have the honor to forward a Letter from Juggut Seat to your address and remain with respect.—Your etc.

Moorshedabad, the 17th March 1807.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of a letter received from His Highness the Nabob Naussir-ul-Moolk. I have informed him in answer thereto that I shall submit the circumstances he has stated thro' you to the notice of the Hon'ble the Governor General, and have recommended that he should delay for the present conferring a Khelaut upon Seat Obychurn's Son until he shall have ascertained from me what are the Intentions of Government and how far the Hon'ble the Governor General approves of the proposed Measure.

It seems proper that I should on this occasion remind you of my letters of date the 20th November 1802 of the 14th August 1804 and 11th August 1806 transmitting Letters and Representations from Seat Obychurn, He has very frequently made urgent application to me to learn the Result of his several Petitions, but aware how

much the attention of the Governor General must be engaged by objects of greater Importance, I have hitherto declined intruding with any pressing reference to my former dispatches, in which Seat Obychurn is concerned, but as he is aware of the contents of the Nabob's letter and in consequence now renewed his pressing entreaty I could not well avoid promising to remind you of his pending applications. It seems unnecessary I should add anything further at this moment except to remark that from the best Information I can obtain the two branches of the Seat family are and have been (as the Nabob states) considered as nearly co-equal in point of Rank and of honorary & complimentary distinctions altho' with respect to personal Riches Juggut Seats property far exceeds that of Seat Obychurn.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 18th March 1807.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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A. Seton Esqr.,
Resident at Delhi.

Sir,—In obedience to the Orders of the Honorable the Governor General in Council conveyed to me in a letter from the Persian Secretary to Government of date the 28th of January last I have had the honor to forward to your address by the Dauk of this day an Arzee from His Highness Nausser-ul-Moolk the Nabob of Bengal to His Majesty Akber the Second offering the Congratulations of His Highness on the happy accession of His Majesty to the Imperial throne of his ancestors & acknowledging the receipt of two Rupees sent him from the Presence as a Sample of the new coin in His Majesty's Name. The Arzee goes enclosed in a small box directed to you. His Highness the Nabob was particularly desirous that the Arzee should be accompanied by a Nuzzur of One Hundred & one Gold Mohurs & stated to me that it was requisite that such Nuzzur should be of the same Die & Impression as the Sample in Silver received from Delhi.

2. Mr. Monckton informs me that the Hon'ble the Governor General approving the proposed Scale of His Highnesses offering with a view to obviate the Inconvenience of sending it such a distance in specie had expressed his pleasure that I should desire you to advance the sum from the public treasury & present it in the new coin to His Majesty together with the Arzee now forwarded. His Highness the Nabob has desired me to solicit your favorable Compliance with the indulgent Intentions Government have manifested towards him & that you will kindly transmit through me any Imperial Mandate which may issue from the presence in taken [?] that his offering has been graciously received.

I seize with avidity, the opportunity afforded by the transmission of this dispatch of expressing that I am with sentiments of respectful Consideration.—Your etc.

Moorshedabad, the 23d March 1807.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit you under cover herewith, copy of a Letter received this day from His Highness the Nabob Nausser-ul-Moolk that you may submit it to the consideration of the Hon'ble the Governor General.

2. When I last saw the Building Major Fleming is constructing, the Walls of the Attic Storey appeared to be carried up to a considerable height, this was about twenty days ago, & they then appeared to be nearly at a stand, there were very few People employed owing as I was informed to the want of Cash. If the Roof should not be covered in before the Rains commence, or set in fully, I should apprehend material Injury may be sustained by the building in its present State, besides which the very great pressive of Inconvenience His Highness sustains at all times but more especially during the period of the Rains for want of a suitable & comfortable habitation will I am persuaded induce the Hon'ble the Governor General to afford means for carrying on the work in hand as far as practicable with due regard to other exigencies of Government & to this effect I ventured to give His Highness assurance when I last saw him.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 2d April 1807.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acquaint you for the Information of the Hon'ble the Governor General that I have received a letter from His Highness the Nabob mentioning the demise of Ally Yar Khan who received a Pension of Rs. 325 p. mensem in the Nizamut Department included in the allowances to the Akrabah declared hereditary by the Resolutions of Government of date the 3d September 1790.

2. His Highness desires I will submit to the Hon'ble the Governor General his recommendation that the allowance above stated of Rs. 325 may be settled upon his brother Bauker Ally Khan for his support & that of the Heirs & family generally of the deceased.

3. On this occasion it appears proper I should submit for your Information that the Pension in question was settled upon Ally Yar Khan—in consequence of a report from Sir John Harington under date the 28th June 1796 recommending that Rs. 325 part of a Pension of Rs. 391 enjoyed by Aumeenah Begum deceased, should be settled upon her Son Ally Yar Khan & the remainder upon Koolsum Begum Niece of the deceased Ameenah, this recommendation was adopted & the orders of the Governor General issued from the Persian Department on the 29th July 1796.

I am informed from good authority that Ally Yar Khan has left two Sons the eldest Nawaziz Mohomed

Khan 21 years old, the second Nawaziz Ally Khan about 18 but the Nabob is not disposed to assign the Pension to them, that they may receive distribute and apply it, altho' they are to be maintained from it thro' the medium of their Uncle Bauker Ally Khan, the Nabob sent me with his letter reporting the demise of Yar Ally Khan an Arzee which had been submitted to him under the Seals & Signature of Bauker Ally & of Coolsum Begum and Zebunnessa Begum both daughters of the late Aumeena Begum praying that the Pension might revert to and the Controul be vested in Bauker Ally Khan.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 6th April 1807.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affs.*

[161]

A. Seton Esqr.,
Commercial Resident at Malda.

Sir,—His Highness the Nawaub Nassir ul Moolk having deputed his Darogah Mirza Bakker Ally as annually customary to procure Mangoes at Malda has desired me to furnish the Darogah with this Letter & to request your attention to any application he may eventually find it necessary to prefer to you.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 29th April 1807.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affs.*

[An identical letter of the same purport & tenor written to the Actg. Magistrate of Zilla Dinajpur, not printed.—Ed.]

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acquaint you for the Information of the Honorable the Governor General that I received on the 5th Instant a dispatch from the Resident at Delhi dated the 14th ultimo, of which copy waits upon you enclosed.

2. I attended at the Kellah yesterday (having been prevented by severe Indisposition from going sooner) and delivered His Majesty's Shoockeh to the Nabob. His Highness was much gratified and elated at the distinguishing Mark of favor conferred by the Imperial Court and instantly requested I would forward the Shookeh to the Hon'ble the Governor General, agreeably to his wish I now transmit it accompanied by a Letter addressed to the Governor General.

3. His Highness said that he should defer assuming the Titles graciously conferred until he should learn the pleasure of the Governor General on the subject whose acquiescence in the gracious intentions of His Majesty would make him completely happy and he should then under the usual ceremonies adopt the change of title and have by your kind assistance a new set of seals cut.

4. His Highness desired me to mention that it appeared to him proper (indeed essentially requisite) that he should without delay send another Arzdusht to His Majesty accompanied by the usual Nuzzur of one Hundred & one Mohurs in acknowledgement of his grateful respect for the Mark of favor conferred upon him. On this subject I hope to be favored with the Governor General's orders. The Nabob further observed to me that it would be very gratifying to him if Government should be pleased to direct or to permit the attendance of the principal English Gentlemen in the civil and military Line on the occasion of His Majesty's letter being read in full Durbar when His Highness would receive the Nuzzurs and Compliments of Congratulation of Juggut Seat & other natives of Rank and of the immediate officers of his Court wishing to give full publicity and every practicable splendor to the occasion in the same degree as was observed on his accession to the Musnud in September 1793, when Government directed the attendance of several English Gentlemen resident at the station.

5. His Highness then caused to be produced for my Inspection & perusal the several Sunnuds conferred on his ancestors under the Imperial Seal and bearing also the seal and signature of the Nabob Vizier for the time being (to one of the Sunnuds is annexed the attestation of his present Majesty who then filled the Post of Vizier) conferring the office of Soubah of the Kingdoms of Bengal Behar & Orissa in succession upon the Nabob Meer Mahomed Jaffeir Khan Nedjumut Dowlah, Syfut Dowlah and Mubarick ut Dowlah Documents very carefully preserved and after they had been read to me by the Head Moonshee His Highness suggested that it was his purpose and earnest desire to solicit of his present Majesty a similar official Sunnud for himself provided the Hon'ble the Governor General should not object to such Intention being carried into effect concluding by an indirect enquiry of me whether I thought the Governor General would so far intend to him a mark of favor and Interest. His Highness did not press me for any positive answer and I accordingly evaded giving any neither did I give the Nabob to understand that I should in the present Communication submit this point to the notice of the Honorable the Governor General because I thought it might be more consonant to his wishes that the matter should remain open for future consideration and I await thro' you Intimation of the Governor General's sentiments with his orders as to renewing the subject with the Nabob.

6. I hope you will excuse the Liberty I take of enquiring whether it is expected that I should make any answer or acknowledgement of the distinguished personal compliment paid me by His Majesty as recited in the 3d Paragraph of Mr. Seton's letter and if anything is expected from me whether it should be in the form of an Arzee expressive of my thanks or should be accompanied by a Nuzzur and to what intent.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 11th May 1807.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

[163]

J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th ultimo with its accompanyments

and have in obedience to the Commands of the Honorable the Governor General used every means in my power to obtain Information touching the condition of the family of Mahomed Hossain Khan and the nature of His claims to the continuance of the Jagheer in Soubah Bahar enjoyed by his father & which appears to have been attached.

2. I cannot find that there are on the part of this Gentleman any claims or Pretensions to distinction from the General Rule laid down by Government for Jagheerdars except what grow out of the Pleas stated in the letter from Her Highness the Munnee Bhegum to the Hon'ble the Governor General namely the distinguished birth and ancestry of the Party and the difficulty sustained to afford decent subsistence to the very numerous Progeny of his late father Hussun Reza Khan who died at the advanced period of upward of eighty years so that his children and Grandchildren are grown up to Man's Estate.

3. Hussun Reza had five sons and five daughters, of the sons only the youngest the present Petitioner survived him but the four sons who died during their father's life time have left besides widows seven children some of whom have large families. Of the five daughters three are living and have families and the two who are dead have left two sons and five daughters and they again have a numerous offspring of which a detailed list can be furnished if it shall be necessary as nearly the whole reside at Moorshedabad. As I paid my respects to Her Highness the Munny Bhegum yesterday after taking leave of the Nabob She Mentioned to me this pending reference and earnestly desired I would not delay reporting in favor of those for whom she felt so much interested.

4. I have only to add that it will appear by reference to the orders of Government issued to me that the Pension of Rs. 200 p. month enjoyed by Hussun Reza Khan deceased was on the 11th March 1802, confirmed to his son Mahomed Hoosain Khan and that except this Pension and the attached Jagheer I have reason to think this ancient & respectable but from its numbers distressed family have no other means of decent support.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 12th May 1807.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

[164]

Shearman Bird Esqr.,
Senior Judge of Appeal & Circuit, Dacca.

Sir,—I do myself the honor to forward you a letter which I request you will send to the Nabob Shumsud Dowlah and will further trouble you to transmit me any answer he may be pleased to give. I enclose for your Information copy of my letter to Shumsud Dowlah and am with respect.—Your etc.

Moorshedabad, the 12th May 1807.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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Major George Fleming,
Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I lose not a moment in acquainting you that I received by express late last night a letter from Government informing me that the Honorable the Governor General in Council had in consequence of my Communications regarding the Interruptions which have occurred in the Progress of the Building for the accommodation of His Highness the Nabob, been pleased to authorize a further advance of 12,000 Rupees to be immediately made to you to enable you to prosecute the work without delay. The same letter informs me that directions have been given to the Collector to advance you that sum forthwith on your application.

2. At the same time I have been directed to signify to you that "this sum is to be" applied exclusively "to the prosecution of the building and that no part of it is to be considered applicable to the reduction or liquidation of any sum or balance which may be due to you on your accounts which have been laid before the Military Board which accounts will be adjusted hereafter in the regular manner" whilst the Instructions of Government just received on this subject give me to understand that they hold me responsible for your carrying into strict and punctual Execution the orders of the Honorable the Governor General touching the disposal of the advance now to be issued.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 19th May 1807.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

[166]

David Burges Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Momensing.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose you copy of a letter from His Highness Motenum-ul-Moolk the Nabob of Bengal to my address, with copy of an Arzee from sundry Dandies employed on the Nizamut Establishment who receive their pay partly in Cash & partly by the produce of certain Lands assigned for their support & that of their families. As His Highness seems to be very anxious that the Prayer of the Petition of these Dandies should receive on your part every favorable consideration consistent with the Regulations of Government, I take the liberty to ask your considerate attention to the wishes of His Highness & that you will indulge me by reporting to me in answer for the Nabobs Information how far his request can be complied with stating any Grounds of objection (if unfortunately any should be found to exist) to the measure.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 25th May 1807.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affairs.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I received on the 25th Instant a few lines from the Resident at Delhi acquainting me that in conformity

to the established and invariable Usage of the Kings of Hindoostan of the House of Timur to present Rings to the several Noblemen of the Empire on the last Wednesday of the Arabian month of Suffer His Majesty Akber II had been pleased on that day to deliver to him five Rings for His Highness the Nawaub of Bengal & four for myself which is transmitted in compliance with His Majesty's Commands.

I lost no time in forwarding to His Highness the Nabob the five Rings which came addressed to him in a separate Paper & received by my Chobdar, on his return from the Kellah, a letter in Acknowledgement from His Highness giving Cover to one addressed to the Hon'ble the Governor General which I have now the pleasure to transmit herewith and am with respect.—Your etc.

Moorshedabad, the 27th May 1807.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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A. Seton Esqr.,
Resident at Delhi.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your dispatch of the 14th of April last accompanied by a Shoockah from His Majesty addressed to His Highness the Nabob Mobareck-oo-Dowlah.

2. The Nabob was highly gratified and elated at the distinguishing Mark of favor conferred by the Imperial Court, & will I am informed transmit his acknowledgement in due form so soon as Seals shall have been prepared bearing the Impression of the new Titles which have been graciously continued to him.

3. I have on this occasion to entreat that you will be pleased in terms appropriate (of which no one can better judge than you) to express my most dutiful and respectful thanks for the Compliment His Majesty was pleased to pay me of presenting me with a Sample of the new Coin struck on his accession to the throne I shall carefully preserve this token of Royal favor. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 20th June 1807.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affs.*

[169]

J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I request you will do me the favor to submit to the Notice of the Hon'ble the Governor General the enclosed copies of Letters received from their Highnesses the Nabob & Munnee Begum written under the pressure of much Inconvenience sustained by the Stipend having fallen near three months in arrears.

2. From the Communication their Highnesses have had with the Collector on the subject they understand that some remittances are shortly expected but not to an extent that shall very materially reduce the heavy accumulating arrear, & therefore they have pressed me to make this representation in the hope & persuation that the Hon'ble the Governor General may graciously adopt some means of affording them early relief.

I have whilst awaiting orders on this Occasion ventured to assure their Highnesses that I am convinced every practicable mode will be adopted to enable the Collector to discharge the arrear as early as possible.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 22d June 1807.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affs.*

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T. F. Bevan Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I had the honor to forward to His Highness the Nabob Mobaureck-oo-Dowlah the letter enclosed with yours to my address of the 10th Instant & have now the pleasure to transmit you the answer of His Highness accompanied by three Officers deputed to point out the boundaries of certain of his Rumnahs.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 22d June 1807.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

[171]

J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I take the liberty to enclose you copy of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob Mobarck-oo-Dowlah praying that the new Seals preparing for him may be expedited with all practicable dispatch, to enable him to send an Arzee to His Majesty in answer to the Shookeh received lately from the Court at Delhi.

I communicated to His Highness in conformity to your Instructions of the 19th Ultimo that Government would assist him in procuring new Seal & he has learnt from his Vakeel in Calcutta that by your kindness they have been sometime put in hand.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 23d June 1807.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affs.*

[172]

J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to submit to you for the Information & orders of the Hon'ble the Governor General in Council Copy of a letter from His Highness the Nabob on the subject of some Communication he has lately received from the Collector at Dacca (under orders of the Board of Revenue) touching the amount of Collections made from the Nowarreh Lands appertaining to the Nizamut in the District of Dacca, Tipperah & Mymensing accompanied by sundry statements of Collections from the years 1202 to 1212 enclusive.

2. I am given to understand that the remittances lately made to His Highness have been regulated on the scale laid down by the Board of Revenue in their Instructions of the 12th September last to the Collector allotting to His Highness & to the Nabob of Dacca respectively in equal proportions a moiety of the sums

realized in each district. Altho' this distribution appears to obtain nearly with respect to the lands in Dacca Jelollpore, which are still in the possessions of officers appointed to the charge by each of the Nabobs a footing on which it appears to be the Intention of the Board of Revenue that they should continue, the proportion claimed by His Highness of the Lands in Mymensing & Tipperah & his statement of the number of persons employed & of the Establishment kept up by each party is on a very different Scale, & by the accounts produced here it would appear that the Nizamut is entitled to nearly three fourths & Nusserut Jung to a little more than one fourth of the proceeds in those two Pergunnahs the Nizamut maintaining 167 & Nusserut Jung only 46 Persons which on a Jummah of Rs. 5,507 makes the share of the Nizamut Rs. 4,278 & that of Nusserut Jung Rs. 1,229 as recited in the body of the letter now transmitted. His Highness the Nabob therefore hopes that orders will be issued that the receipts may hereafter be distributed in that proportion.

Supposing that the accounts of Collections which accompany are authentic they speak for themselves & preclude the necessity of my intruding with detail of explanation & I have only respectfully to await the Communication thro' you of the Sentiments of Government touching the wishes of His Highness that the Lands in Mymensing & Tipperah may be put under the management of his officers on the same footing as those of Dacca Jelollpore or that the Distribution of the receipts from those Lands may be regulated conformably to the statement now submitted, & that with respect to the balance due account the Collections of former years (now that the principle of right has been ascertained & admitted) such orders may be issued as to the Hon'ble the Governor General may be deemed expedient & calculated to indemnify the Nabob for the Inconvenience sustained by the considerable retard that has unavoidably occurred.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 24th June 1807. — T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affs.*

[173]

J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 30th June accompanied by the Seals which have by the favor of the Hon'ble the Governor General been prepared for the Nabob Mobareck-oo-Dowlah and which I immediately forwarded to His Highness who has desired me to offer his grateful acknowledgements for this mark of friendship & kindness. —I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 8th July 1807. — T. Pattle, *Supt. N. Affs.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo transmitting letters from the Honorable the Governor General to their Highnesses the Nabob Mobarick-oo-Dowlah the Munny Bhegum & Bubboo Bhegum and under cover herewith I now forward you the answers of their Highnesses to those letters.

The Intelligence of the glorious & important victory obtained lately over the French army has been promulgated by beating the Nohbut and other demonstrations expressive of the general Joy and satisfaction diffused by the Communication of the Hon'ble the Governor General to this Durbar.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 8th July 1807. — T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

[175]

J. Battye Esqr.,
Collector of Dacca.

Sir,—I have received your letter of the 23d of June with its enclosure and have communicated with His Highness the Nabob on the subject of the Form of the Receipt to be taken from Shumsud Dowlah on issuing his Pension at Dacca.

His Highness has material objection to the form of receipt lately adopted on the variation of the place of payment of the Pension on grounds not necessary to state in detail here, more especially as Shumsud Dowlah himself from the tenor of his last Letter to me seems to admit that the Nabob's objections are well founded and expresses himself most fully disposed to meet His Highnesses wishes in the matter in question. In deference to the sentiment inferrable from the letter to you of the 12th of June from the Revenue Board that the receipt should specify that the Issue is made from the Dacca Treasury I now enclose you the Form of a receipt approved by the Nabob expressly noticing that the Issue tho' proceeding in effect from the Funds & Treasury of His Highness is made thro' the medium of the Collector of Dacca I send another copy of this Form to Shumsud Dowlah who I am persuaded can make no difficulty as to adopting it & thereby securing to himself the Indulgence granted by His Highness the Nabob of receiving his Pension at Dacca.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 14th July 1807. — T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

[176]

S. Bird Esqr.,
Senior Judge of Appeal & Circuit, Dacca.

Sir,—I do myself the honor to forward you a letter which I request you will send to the Nabob Shumsud Dowlah & will further trouble you to transmit me any answer he may be pleased to give. I enclose for your Information copy of my letter to Shumsud Dowlah & am with respect.—Your etc.

Moorshedabad, the 14th July 1807. — T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward under Cover herewith Copy of a letter received yesterday from His Highness the Nabob Mobareck oo Dowlah accompanied by an Arzee addressed to His Majesty Akbar the II Copy of the Arzee is also enclosed for your Information & I have to request you will enquire for me the pleasure of the Hon'ble the Governor General with respect to the transmission of this Arzee thro' the medium of the Resident at Delhi also whether I am to desire Mr. Seton to advance as he did on a former recent occasion one hundred & one Gold Mohur as a Nuzzur from the Nabob to the King on the delivery of his Arzee in acknowledgement of the Titles lately conferred on him. I will further trouble you to enquire whether I am to call upon the Nabob to repay this Nuzzur if it shall please the Governor General to order it to be advanced for him from the public Treasury at Delhi.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 16th July 1807.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nizt. Affs.

[178]

J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Mr. James Money the Commercial Resident at Bauleah having occasion to address His Highness the Nabob has forwarded his Letter thro' me conformably to the provisions of Regulation XIX of 1805 & XVI of 1806.

I observe he adopts in addressing the Nabob the form which in the Persian transcript of Section V of Regulation 19 of 1805 is assigned for the Judges of the Zillah & City Courts & in the present Instance I have forwarded his letter, but as I am uncertain whether it is the Intention of the Hon'ble the Governor General that Commercial Residents should assume the form of Address assigned to the Judges or that allotted to the Collectors of the Land Revenue or Government Customs I have ventured to intrude upon you with this reference of enquiry for my Guidance on future similar occasions. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 22d July 1807.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nizt. Affs.

[179]

James Money Esqr.,
Commercial Resident at Bauleah.

Sir,—I received late yesterday evening your letter of the 18th Instant enclosing an address for His Highness the Nawaub which I shall lose no time in forwarding to him.

2. Conformably to Section V of Regulation XVI of 1806 the open envelope of your letter should either have borne your private seal, or your name should have been inscribed in the Persian Character in the present Instance I have to avoid giving you trouble supplied the omission by causing my Moonshee to write your name on the back of the envelope without the observance of such form His Highness would not know from whom the address came.

3. As His Majesty Akber II has been pleased to confer on His Highness the present Nabob the same Titles which distinguished his illustrious father which Grant from the Imperial Court has been approved & recognized by the British Government, I do myself the pleasure to transmit you enclosed the Form of address to be observed in writing to the Nabob in future on any occasion.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 22d July 1807.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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A. Seton Esqr.,
Resident at Delhi.

Sir,—Under Sanction of authority from the Honorable the Governor General I have by this day's Dauk forwarded to your address an Arzee from His Highness the Nabob Mobarek oo Dowlah in acknowledgement of the Shoockah from His Majesty received with your dispatch of the 14th April.

2. The Governor General in Council has been further pleased to authorize me to request you will advance from the public Treasury at Delhi the sum of one Hundred & one Gold Mohur of the new coinage, & that on delivery of the Nabobs letter you will present that sum as an offering from His Highness to the Imperial Throne.

3. I request your favorable acceptance of my assurances of being with perfect consideration.—Your etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 27th July 1807.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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James Money Esqr.,
Commercial Resident at Bauleah.

Sir,—I send under Cover herewith the answer of His Highness the Nabob of Bengal to your Letter forwarded to me on the 18th Current.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 28th July 1807.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

[182]

J. Money Esqr.,
Commercial Resident at Bauleah.

Sir,—In addition to mine of the 22d ultimo I have to inform you that being doubtful of the propriety of the form adopted by you in addressing His Highness the Nabob, & not finding the Regulation distinct & explicit on the subject I made a reference thro' the Secretary to Government in the Persian Department to ascertain in what manner it was intended Commercial

Residents should address this Durbar. Mr. Secretary Monckton in a letter of date the 28th ultimo informs me in answer to my enquiry that "when Commercial Residents may have occasion to address His Highness the Nabob of Bengal they must adopt the form of address which is prescribed in the Regulation for the Collectors of Land Revenue."

I enclose for your Information the prescribed form extracted from Section 5 of Regulation 19 of 1805—which I request you will use in future.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 1st August 1807.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

[183]

J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Your favor of the 28th of last month came to hand yesterday afternoon enclosing letters from the Honorable Sir George Barlow to His Highness the Nawaub Mobarek oo Dowlah their Highnesses the Munny Begum & Bubboo Begum which I lost no time in transmitting to their respective addresses.

2. Under the Information promulgated by the Gazette of Friday last the 31st ultimo the Nabob & Begums had prepared letters of Congratulation addressed to the Right Honorable Lord Minto on the occasion of his safe arrival at the Presidency & of his assuming charge of the Government. These letters which reached me at a late hour on Tuesday I have the honor to forward under Cover herewith.

3. Permit me to request that in addition to the Congratulations I have now the honor to forward from this Durbar you will do me the favor to offer mine to the Right Honorable the Governor General on his arrival & accession to the Government & to submit my assurance of the most earnest desire to merit His Lordships approbation by the most faithful & active discharge of the several official duties attaching to my situation.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 6th August 1807.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affs.*

[184]

J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward under Cover herewith the answers of their Highnesses the Nabob & Munnee Begum and of Bubboo Begum to the Letters of the Honorable the late Governor General which accompanied your dispatch of the 28th of last Month.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 9th August 1807.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affs.*

[185]

J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th Instant transmitting Letters from the Right Honorable the Governor General to His Higness the Nabob Mobareck-oo-Dowlah Her Highness the Munny Begum & Bubboo Begum. I have now the pleasure to forward herewith the answers of their Highnesses and of the Bubboo Begum to the said Letters.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 16th August 1807.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affs.*

[186]

S. Bird Junr. Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Zillah Dacca.

Sir,—I have been favored with your letter of the 7th Instant.

I am not aware of the Reason which induces the Collector of Moorshedabad to wish that the English month & year should be substituted instead of the Bengal month & year in the receipt to be taken from the Nabob Shumsud Dowlah but I am satisfied that such *substitution* would be deemed inadmissible in the Sheristah of His Highness the Nabob, because all Issues of Stipends from his Treasury & all accounts of disbursements whatever are kept in conformity with the Bengal Stile & Era, altho' the Nizamut Stipend itself is issued from the Collectors treasury according to the English month & year & receipts granted in conformity. To meet Mr. Bevan's wishes the receipt taken from Shumsdowlah may be made to specify as well the Bengal as the English month & year but it is observable that these cannot be brought to correspond exactly. There cannot exist the smallest objection to your substituting "Zillah Dacca" in lieu of "Zillah Jehangeernagur."—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 17th August 1807.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

P.S.—Since writing the above I have had occasion of personal communication with Mr. Bevan which authorizes me to say he has no desire for the insertion of the Bengal year & month in Shumsud Dowlah's receipts he apprehended it would have induced conformity with the accounts kept by the Nabob's officers but that is not the case with respect to dates therefore it is desirable that the form I sent should be exactly observed.—I am etc.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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W. Farquharson Esqr.,
Commercial Resident at Patna.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th Ultimo duplicate of which was delivered by your Burdar. The Salt Petre has been received by the Darogah of the Meersaumanee on the part of His Highness the Nawaub & turns out Mds. of 79-6As. Sicca 912 for which the receipt of the Darogah is enclosed.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 25th August 1807.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit under cover herewith a Letter to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General from His Highness the Nabob Syed Murtezakhan Behadre offering his congratulations on His Lordships arrival & accession to the Government. —I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 28th August 1807.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward herewith Copies of letters from their Highnesses the Nabob and Munnee Begum on the subject of the general distress experienced by the delay in the Issue of the Stipend for July, & the elapsing month, an Inconvenience which is more pressingly felt on account of the necessary preparation for the festival of the Behrah, which is close at hand, as also in consequence of the very great and general distress sustained by all ranks & descriptions of People connected with or dependent on the Nizamut as during the late heavy rains the habitations of numbers have fallen entirely & not only the Kellah itself but the whole City exhibits marks of dilapidation & ravage resulting from the stormy weather such as is not recollected by the oldest Inhabitant at this place.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 28th August 1807.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affs.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit under cover herewith Letters of congratulation and compliment addressed to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General by the Nabob Wajeed Ally Khan Behader and the Nabob Meer Mahommed Kazim Khan Behader each of which was accompanied by a Nazzur of five Gold Mohurs, which I have not forwarded but retained for the present in expectations of receiving from you Instructions to return them conformably to the Rule laid down on the 20th May 1803.

I also enclose an Arzee from Sumshear Ally Khan Behader the son of Moraud oo Dowlah deceased who was a very near Relation of the Nabob Serajah Dowlah on account of his birth tho' not in a state of Appliance I have ventured to forward his Address.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 30th August 1807.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affairs.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th Instant with its enclosure. On the receipt thereof I expressed by Letter a wish that Juggut Seat would send his head Moonshee Govind Chund to confer with me on the subject of Renting the House and premises at Agrah which I informed him Government has issued Instructions for restoring to him unconditionally so soon as the extent and proper Boundary of the property could be ascertained.

2. Juggut Seat sent Govind Chund to me on the 18th to whom I communicated the Substance of the Intentions of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General as stated in your letter he promised to report the matter to Juggut Seat on his return as he was not authorized to conclude anything finally.

3. I received a few days since a letter from Juggut Seat on this subject of which I have the honor to send a copy enclosed you will observe that he declines fixing any particular sum for Rent but professes that he shall be satisfied with whatever Government may be pleased to allow conceiving from what passed in conversation with his Moonshee that he would submit a proposition of this indefinite nature I pointedly stated to Govind Chund that it would be much more satisfactory if he would precisely state his wishes and enable me under the authority delegated to settle the matter but as he has not done so I must await your further commands.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 30th August 1807.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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S. Bird Esqr.,
Senior Judge of Appeal & Circuit at Dacca.

Sir,—I do myself the honor to forward under cover herewith a Letter to the address of the Nabob Shumsud Dowlah which I will trouble you to send to him. —I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 30th August 1807.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to send under cover herewith an Arzee addressed to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General by Rajah Behader Sing which came accompanied by a Nazzur of five Gold Mohurs which I have retained for the present only, in expectation of Instructions from you in answer to my reference of the 30th of last Month.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 1st September 1807.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward herewith a Letter from Her Highness the Munnee Begum to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General on the subject of the distress of the Nizamut Affairs generally, but originating I apprehend from the pressure of recent difficulty in consequence of the ruinous and dilapidated state of the buildings & apartments of the Kellah many of which fell down during the rainy & stormy weather which occurred from the 18th to the 22d inclusive.

2. The state of the Weather, the inundated condition of the Kellah itself, & other Circumstances have hitherto prevented my going to inspect the buildings for the purpose of ascertaining & reporting to you the extent of the Injury sustained, but I mean to do it in the course of two or three days & shall at the same time particularly examine & report to you the progress that has been made in the New Building constructing by Major Fleming & the expectation he holds out as to the probable period when it may be finished & habitable for His Highness the Nabob who when the storm commenced on the 18th took refuge in the small house I have at the City where he remains for the present very incommodiously lodged, if it was at all adapted for his residence I should make no account of the small Inconvenience I sustain by the privation.

3. The Nabob as well as the Bhegum have occasionally pressed upon me the wish & desire expressed by Her Highness in her letter to Lord Minto that I should by repairing to Calcutta personally & respectfully state to His Lordship the embarrassed situation of the Durbar generally, owing to the unceasing Importunity of the Nabobs Creditors & other unpleasant Circumstances reported fully in detail by the Nizamut Committee I have merely in answer stated in general terms that whenever I should be commanded by His Lordship to attend him & furnish any explanations I should pay the most prompt & implicit obedience at the same time having had occasion to mention the Committees Report of 9th November 1802. I will take the further Liberty of suggesting that tho' the Plan they submitted may still be considered as applicable with reference to its general principles, it will require material modification in some parts of the detail owing to Changes & alterations which in a concern of such magnitude have necessarily taken place during the great lapse of time since that report was sent in, I more particularly allude to the amount & detail of the Nabobs debts & the arrangement of provision for the younger branches of his family as particularized in Statements annexed to the report—as no sanction was ever given to carry into effect any of the provisions of the Committee's Plan the detail of the department continued to be conducted on the principles laid down & arrangements made by Mr. Ives & subsequently by Sir John Harington in August 1796 as I was not authorized to introduce any deviation I shall require Roy Monick Chund to furnish me with Statements of any alterations that have occurred since the report was sent in & will prepare Translations for the purpose of submitting them to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General. If it should be His Lordships pleasure that I should repair to Calcutta for the purpose of answering any enquiries or giving any more particular detail of explanation the present season is particularly propitious for my doing so as the Dussarah Vacation is close at hand, & the Court over which I preside will close on the 27th Instant & not open again for the dispatch of business until the commencement of November & the duties of every department are so well brought up that my absence for a short time will occasion no sort of Inconvenience whilst the opportunity afforded of paying my personal respects to His Lordship will be to me highly gratifying.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 2d September 1807.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward herewith an Arzee addressed to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General under Cover of a Letter to yourself from Syed Fuzzul Ally Khan, on a perusal of the Copy of his Arzee which he has sent to me it becomes necessary that I should state to you that I did on the 15th of February last on my return from my circuit communicate to Fuzzul Ally Khan in writing the substance of the Instructions conveyed to me in Mr. Edmonstones letter of the 5th June 1806 as far as such had reference to him & to the applications he had previously submitted to the Governor General.

A letter from Fuzzul Ally to the address of Mr. Edmonstone also goes enclosed.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 16th September 1807.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nizt. Affairs.

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward herewith a Letter from His Highness the Nabob Mobarek-oo-Dowlah to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General & remain with respect.—Your etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 17th September 1807.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nizt. Affs.

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward under cover herewith a Letter to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General from Seat Obychurn which was accompanied by a Nuzzur of five Gold Mohurs these

conformably to the Instructions of 20th May 1803, I immediately returned.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 19th September 1807.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affairs.*

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A. Montgomery Esqr.,
Magistrate of Zillah Purneah.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward under cover herewith Copy of a Letter addressed to me by His Highness the Nabob Mobarek ool Dowlah with Copy of the Petition from Noor Khan a Servant of His Highness employed on the provision of Mangoes and the Care of Trees the property of the Nizamut. Noor Khan will have the honor of delivering this Letter and on the part of His Highness the Nobob I have to request your favorable attention to such representation as he may submit to you on the subject of some Interruption he has met with in the discharge of his Duty.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 21st September 1807.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affs.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward herewith a Letter addressed to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General from the Nabob Syed Murteza Khan Behadre.

The distressed and embarrassed situation of this Branch of the family of the late Nabob Jaffier Ally Khan Behadre has but too often & under various Forms been submitted to the notice of Government, a total want of method & prudential arrangement on the part of the Nabob himself will I fear always prevent his enjoying any considerable degree of Comfort or making any respectable appearance ; at the present moment his Case is very pitiable having literally no habitation that he can occupy whilst his Debts are so large & his creditors so importunate that the monthly Income he receives altho' considerable (being four thousand Rupees) affords (torn) resource for essential Relief nor am I aware that anything can be done to assist him unless Government should be pleased to advance him on Loan sufficient to build a decent habitation on a very moderate scale reimbursing themselves by a regular monthly stoppage from his Stipend & using some precaution that the sum supplied on Loan should truly & fairly be applied to the purpose of ensuring personal accommodation for the Nabob Saidoo & his numerous family.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 29th September 1807.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affs.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Having in pursuance of the Commands conveyed in your Letter of the 14th ultimo prepared such statements of the Nizamut Accounts from the period of the transmission of the Committees Report in November 1802 to the present time as appear to me essentially necessary to exhibit the alterations which have taken place during the lapse of five years superseding wholly in some respect and in others inducing material Variation in the Plans of arrangement suggested by the Committee with reference to the Position of things at that period I have the honor to submit the said Statements under Cover herewith Vizt.

5 Statements under marks A.B.C.D. E. each containing in three separate documents the accounts for the Bengal years 1209, 1210, 1211, 1212, & 1213 of all disbursements of every description of the Nizamut Stipend with reference for detail of particulars to the accounts rendered by the Committee to 1208 inclusive and to the statements which accompanied their report.

No. 1 Statement exhibiting Payments made from the year 1209 B.S. to 1213 B.S. inclusive on the amount of the Debts of His Highness the Nabob from different Resources accruing and from fresh Loans contracted.

No. 2 Statement shewing the amount and particulars in detail of Fresh Loans contracted by His Highness the Nabob subsequent to the making up of his accounts by the Committee in 1802.

No. 3 Statement shewing the amount and particulars in detail of the claims of every description now outstanding against His Highness the Nabob with annexation of the further Claims outstanding against the Nizamut generally.

No. 4 Comparative View of the Debts of His Highness & demands against the Nizamut with reference to condition of the same objects in November 1802.

No. 5 Statement of the Claims and allowances made to the Sahebzaudah Brothers of His Highness the Nabob.

No. 6 Statement of Retrenchments of the stipend of the Nabob Sumsud Dowlah shewing how they have been appropriated.

No. 7 Statement shewing the amount expended on rebuilding the Emaumbarah and the resources from which the Funds were derived.

2. I have little to offer in the way of remark on the five statements first mentioned as they speak fully for themselves and serve to shew that the resources of the Nizamut fall short of the claims for necessary and indispensable expenditure. The general position of things with reference to the different department and Establishments of servants &ca. will be found on nearby the same scale as exhibited in the several Statements thereof submitted by the Committee. Very few changes have occurred under the head of Aukrabah and as such did happen they have conformably to the orders of September 1790, been regularly by me reported at the Instance of the Nabob to Government. The different articles of Resumption in various branches recommended by the Committee have necessarily awaited the orders of Government and until now the detail has been conducted conformably to the Plans of 1790 & 1796 as far as circumstances admitted.

3. It will appear by reference to Statement No. 1 that since 1802 a very material Reduction has been made in the amount of the Nabob's Debts partly from available resources but chiefly from the Reserve set apart by His Highness the Nabob of Rs. 3,500 p. mensem (as suggested by the Committee) from his Privy Purse. It

certainly redounds much to His Highnesses credit that he so voluntarily adopted this suggestion and so steadily preserved in the application of the principle established especially as I can from my own observation state that he has during the period of this Retrenchment and Self denial been compelled to practise very rigid Oeconomy and to deny himself not merely articles of Luxury but many things that were really necessary for comfort and convenience and tho' in the consideration of Statement No. 2 it will appear that Fresh Loans to no inconsiderable amount have been contracted it must be observed that such have not been to feed recent extravagance or to answer any new Demands but the whole (with exception of the sums paid Lenders for Interest) has been exclusively applied to the extinction of the former debts and under such resource it will be found that some have been adjusted on a [footing?] of compromise highly beneficial to the Nizamut as near one Lac of Rupees has been saved in Interest on two Items in other respects a preference has been given to creditors the distress of whose situation appeared particularly urgent. When therefore the matter of contracting fresh Loans to discharge the old debt was first suggested and a prospect of such benefit accruing attached to it, it did not occur to me that the measure was liable to any objection.

4. No. 3 of Statements accompanying shews the present amount of the Nabobs debts reduced to the sum of Rs. 3,69,933-14-5 on adjusting the old Debts whenever there shall be available resource for the purpose some favorable compromise of abatement may be expected, but the new Loans of Rs. 2,39,075 being all due to established banking houses who look strictly not only to reimbursement of their principal advanced but also to the regular payment of 12 p. cent Interest, this latter Item alone will nearly absorb the whole reserve set apart from the Privy Purse supposing His Highness to persevere in the System hitherto adopted under recommendation of the Committee enforced by my often repeated Council.

5. No. 4 Gives a comparative View of the Nabobs Debts in November 1802 with their present Position and exhibits the Amelioration of the account stated in different points of views according to materials furnished by the officer of the Nabobs Household and to my own Ideas of the subject taken in either way the Review is very satisfactory and the change of position much for the better.

6. No. 5 Shews the position of the Sahibzaudah with reference of comparison to their situation when the Committees report was framed. This state is very little amended certainly not in proportion to the sentiments and Intention of the Committee connected with their general Plan nor to any Ideas of the equity of their pretensions. They are all now arrived at mans estate and appear fairly entitled to the full allowance proposed by Sir John Harington in 1796 and sanctioned by Government an allowance not more than sufficient to support them properly in that walk of life their birth has placed them in and the Retention of this subsistence exposes them to difficulties and me to annoyance from the too frequent complaints of their servants for arrears of wages due to them and from Merchants and shopkeepers for Payment of necessary articles supplied them. I have suggested and the Nabob appears to acquiesce in the proposition that the four eldest of the six remaining who are on half allowance shall be put on the full Establishment but His Highness has not for a considerable lapse of time lent a willing Ear to Representations from myself and the Bhegum on this score and his reluctance appears to me to arise from the unpleasant sensation which pervades his mind on adverting to the very inadequate situation in point of allowance of his own mother and his two sons, a subject fully treated upon in the Committees report & its appendages and therefore unnecessary for me to dwell upon at this moment.

7. No. 6 Shews the Resource derived since 1802 from the attachment of a portion of Sumsud oo Dowlahs stipend whilst he remained on disgrace and its appropriation in full.

8. No. 7 Shews the amount expended on rebuilding the Emaumbarah and the resources from which the charge has been defrayed. I am sorry to observe that tho' the original estimate has been materially exceeded the work is not yet completed I am assured however the further disburse will be very trifling. The Nizamut Debt is already increased on this score in the sum of Rs. 23,784-13-12.

9. The present state of the floating Nizamut Debt is detailed under Statement No. 4 and its progressive Gradation and fluctuation will be found exhibited in particular in the five statements above noticed for the years 1209 to 1213 inclusive this Debt is particularly referred to in the 33d & 34th Paragraphs of the Committees Report with reference to the Statement which accompanied under Mark I, I can add little on the subject here. It appears part of System coeval with the first Nizamut Establishment to be the Result of anticipation in some respects and diversion in others of resources allotted for established purposes an expedient originally resorted to in aid of unforeseen and extra expences not provided for because if such were met by Loans contracted with Merchants the evil would be enhanced by accumulation of Interest for liquidation of which there is no established fund whereas by this system of anticipation and Encroachment all demand for Interest is obviated but so long as the Expenditure of the Nizamut shall annually exceed the sum allotted for its support this article of floating Debt will not be annihilated but exist under fluctuation of amount varying with circumstances.

I shall intrude no longer here as I shall so soon have the opportunity of paying my respects & personally representing whatever may appear further necessary in the subject of the Department in which I am employed I shall proceed on my Journey towards Calcutta tomorrow having been detained until this time in arranging and preparing the accounts & Statements of which copies and Translations are now submitted they are extracted from Voluminous Materials and required time and consideration in digesting in which Duty I have been assisted by Roy Monick Chund the Dewan of Her Highness the Begum the officer who was by her and the Nabob selected to attend the Committee with Papers and accounts when they performed the task allotted to them.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 7th October 1807.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

P.S.—I also enclose another statement under mark F explanatory of the former and present state of the Nizamut unappropriated Fund as connected with the other accounts now submitted.

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to send herewith a Letter from Her Highness the Munny Begum to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in answer to the Letter from His Lordship enclosed in your dispatch of the 14th of last Month.

Agreeably to the Instructions conveyed in the said Letter I have waited on their Highnesses the Nabob and Begum and communicated with them in the Spirit of the sentiments you expressed on the part of His Lordship. As I shall so shortly pay my respects in person and am at this moment very busily engaged I defer reporting until we meet the result of my visit to the Kellah.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 7th October 1807.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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J. Donnithorne Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Nuddeah.

Sir,—Having left Moorshedabad early in last Month your letter of the 1st with its enclosure followed me to this place. I lost no time in forwarding to His Highness the Nabob the Letter you enclosed to his address.

I take the liberty to observe to you that Conformably to Section V of Regulation XVI of 1806 the open envelope of your letter should either have borne your private seal, or your name should have been inscribed in the Persian Character in the present instance I have to avoid giving you trouble supplied the omission by causing my Moonshee to write your name on the back of the envelope without the observance of such Form His Highness would not know from whom the address came.

As His Majesty Akber II has been pleased to confer on His Highness the present Nabob the same Titles which distinguished his illlustrious father which grant from the Imperial Court has been approved and recognized by the British Government I do myself the pleasure to transmit you enclosed the Form of address to be observed in writing to the Nabob in future on any Occasion.—Your etc.

Calcutta,
the 2nd Novr. 1807.

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward to you under Cover herewith four letters this morning received from the Nabob Syed Marteza Khan Behader one addressed to the Right Honorable the Governor General, one to Sir Geo. Barlow Bart. K.B. One to Mr. Edmonstone and one to yourself.—I am etc.

Calcutta,
the 3rd November 1807.

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit enclosed copies of Letters received by me from their Highnesses the Nabob and Munnee Bhegum reporting the demise of Meer Durveish Ally who received a Pension of Rs. 70 p. Mensem in the Nizamut Department included in the allowances to the Akrabah declared hereditary by the Resolutions of Government of date the 3d September 1790.

You will observe that it is the wish of their Highnesses that the allowance of Rs. 70 above stated should devolve to Mahomed Hosain the son of the deceased Durveish Ally on which subject I request to be informed of the pleasure of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General.—I have etc.

Calcutta,
the 18th November 1807.

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John Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to send you under cover with this, Letters addressed to the Right Honorable the Governor General by their Highnesses the Nabob and the Munnee Bhegum on the subject of the enhanced price of Grain and other necessaries of life in the City of Moorshedabad and its [*sic*] and I am concerned to add that I have received accounts from various quarters in full confirmation of the representations setforth by these illustrious Personages. The evil Presses in the first Instance very closely upon the Nizamut Departmt. altogether, because the Estimates appropriating the Income & Resources were formed on a Scale of Calculation when Grain and other articles were cheap and abundant, of course any considerable enhanced of price causes increase of debt at the year's end. Besides which the alarming advance in the price of an article so material as Rice to the support of the Labour and Manufacturer must induce unpleasant prospects of a general nature but on this Subject it may perhaps be foreign to my present Duty to enlarge.

I will further trouble you to submit to the notice of the Right Honorable the Governor General the enclosed Translation of a Letter addressed to me by the Nabob Syed Marteza Khan Behader, in corroboration of his Claims for relief when His Lordship may find leisure to consider his case and former representations.—I have etc.

Calcutta,
the 14th December 1807.

Enclosure

Translation of a Letter from the Nabob Syed Marteza Khan Behader dated the 5th December addressed to the Superintendent of Nizamut Affairs received by him in Calcutta on the 11th December.

After the usual compliments, and acknowledgement of a letter addressed to His Highness by Mr. Pattle, informing him that a representation of his distresses had been submitted to the notice of the Right Honorable the Governor General the Nabob writes.

Whilst you remained at Moorshedabad you was informed that, my habitation having fallen entirely to the Ground in consequence of the Storm, I was left quite destitute of an abode. I stated this to you in writing, and detailed all Circumstances very fully in the Letter I had the honor to send thro' you to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General since which something further has occurred owing to my House having fallen in, I built a few places or apartments of Mats and straw when suddenly a fire broke out in the apartment wherein was deposited the apparatus of the Emaumbarah or Temple of Worship and furniture which appertained to the Celebration of other festivals, the whole was consumed and my loss amounts to at least Ten thousand Rupees. Under this accumulation of Calamity words cannot describe the anguish I suffer. To you my friend I address myself as one who will administer Comfort to my mind and will in appropriate terms make a full representation of my part and present distress to His Excellency the Governor General that something may be done to restore my personal habitation and for my relief generally. Moreover you who are of enlightened understanding and fully acquainted with all my Embarrassments will I am persuaded take every measure that may tend to my benefit, and for assistance afforded in the moment of difficulty Heaven will hear my Prayers and reward your Kindness.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have to request you will do me the favor to submit to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General the enclosed bill for my travelling expenses to and from Calcutta, having been ordered down to give certain explanations on points connected with the report of the Nizamut Committee & other objects relating to my Department.

2. I have taken the liberty to annex to the bill for my travelling expenses a small charge for the extra expense incurred by the Head Moonshee of the Department as I was obliged to take him to Calcutta for the purpose of translating Statements & Accounts writing letters & performing other duties connected with my official Situation. I have Calculated the allowance for this Person on the Scale of that made to the Moonshees & other subordinate Officers in the Judicial Department when they proceed on Circuit with the Judges as such charge is more moderate than any stated Sum for boat hire & other contingencies.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 23rd January 1808.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

Enclosure

The Hon'ble Company	*Dr.*
To my travelling expences at the established rate from this place to Calcutta and back 314 Miles at 2 Rs.2 As. p. mile . . .	Sa. Rs. 667-4-0
To batta or diet money for the head Moonshee of the Department who accompanied me to Calcutta from the 7th of October 1807 to the 22d of January 1808—108 days at eight annas p. diem	54-0-0
	Sa. Rs. 721-4-0

Receipts in duplicate issued in usual form dated the 9 March 1808.

E. E.

Moorshedabad,
the 23d January 1808.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to send you under cover herewith a letter addressed by Her Highness the Munnee Bhegum to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General notifying that she has appointed as her private Dewan Roy Pooren Chund the maternal Grandson of Roy Monick Chund deceased & expressing her hope that such appointment may meet the approbation of His Lordship. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 27th January 1808.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit you under cover herewith Copies of letters addressed me by their Highnesses the Nabob and Munnee Bhegum in answer to the reference I made to them under the Instructions conveyed to me in your letter of the 28th of November last for the purpose of obtaining information to be submitted to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council whether or not any objection subsisted to the Wife of the Nabob Shumsoo Dowlah proceeding to Dacca for the purpose of remaining there with her Husband. As it does not appear that their Highnesses make any objection I await the Communication of the further orders of Government on the subject & am with respect.—Your etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 30th January 1808.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—On the 27th of last month I had the honor to send you a Letter for the Right Hon'ble the Governor General from Her Highness the Munnee Bhegum mentioning the appointment of Roy Poorunchund as her private Dewan in the room of the deceased Roy Monick Chund having had occasion lately more than once to visit Her Highness for the purpose of inspecting with Colonel Kyd the buildings in the Kellah she has at each visit mentioned that letter to me expressing her anxious desire that she might as early as possible be informed of His Lordship's approbation of the Selection she had made, & at the same time Her Highness intimated in very intelligible tho' indirect terms her confident hope that His Lordship would at the time of signifying his pleasure, honor Poorun Chund with a Khelaut such as former Governors have occasionally conferred on his deceased Relation or with such other token of his favor & Protection as may give full & general publicity to the circumstance, the Begum's earnestness & frequent allusion to the subject have induced me to consider it proper to suggest it to you for His Lordships Information.

By desire of Roy Poorunchund I have the honor to enclose a Letter from him to your address. In the Communications I have lately had with the Nabob I discover that it is not his Intention that Roy Poorunchund should exercise that controul his Grandfathers had in the Affairs of the Nizamut generally or indeed interfere at all in the detail thereof His Highness means that the whole shall be conducted under his own Inspection & particular directions by the Nizamut Naib Dewan & other public Officers of the Department in their respective situations. It did not appear to me that this purpose met the wishes or concurrence of the Munnee Bhegum still Her Highness, adverting to the Nabobs situation his time of life (being now in his 35th year) & his decided Inclination did not appear disposed to offer either objection or opposition to his pleasure.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 22d February 1808.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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R. K. Dick Esqr.,
Judge & Magistrate of Sylhet.

Sir,—His Highness the Nabob Mobaruck oo Dowlah having a Keddah within your district for the purpose of Catching & training Elephants has requested I will give a Line of Introduction to the Darogah Azim Ullah Khan who resides on the spot & has charge of the department, & that I will on behalf of His Highness solicit your favourable attention to any Representations the said Azim Ullah may have Occasion to make whether for Assistance in the discharge of his Duty or for Protection if he should meet with Interruption I have ventured to assure His Highness that I feel confident you will attend to his request as far as may be consistent with the Duty of your Situation & the Regulations of Government.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 26th March 1808.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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T. F. Bevan Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose you a Letter from His Highness the Nabob Mobarek-oo-Dowlah on the subject of the contested right to certain Rumnahs, & to request your Compliance with the wish expressed by the Nabob that the enquiry may commence with the Rumnah's of Doudpore &ca. reserving Chaundpore for the present as the Indisposition of some of the servants of that Rumnah render it inconvenient for them to attend immediately the Aumeen you have deputed.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 28th March 1808.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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Richard Turner Esqr.,
Acting Magistrate of Zillah Bhaugulpore.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose you Copy of a Letter addressed to me by Her Highness the Munnee Begum and also of one from the Nabob Wajeed Ally Khan who resides at Rajemehal touching some disputes that have occurred between a Chuprassee of Tannah Seeb Gunge & one of the Nabob's dependents Meer Lutf Ally whom he represents as being his Meersaumaun.

2. Without venturing to offer any opinion on the merits of the case or subject of the Complaint which I cannot discover poor [from?] the contents of the Nabob's letter I take the liberty of suggesting that under the Provisions generally of the 10th Section of Regulation 16 of 1793 it appears the Intention of Government that on all occasions every delicacy should be observed towards Persons who are so nearly connected with their Highnesses the Nabob & Begum. Wajeed Ally Khan is the paternal Grandson of the late Nabob Ahteram ut Dowlah who was brother to the Nabob Jaffeer Ally Khan.

3. I am willing to hope that in the present Instance as the Nabob seems so desirous that his immediate servants should not be compelled to travel to Boglepore that you will permit them under the discretion vested on you by the provisions of Regulation IX of 1807 to answer by Vakeel to the charge preferred against them or if for any particular reasons that should be impracticable I shall be glad if you will enable me to state such reasons to the Bhegum & the Nabob at Rajemehal.

It is not necessary to add anything more except to request a reference to my letter of 22d August 1806 to the late Magistrate of Bhaugulpore touching the mode I could wish should be adopted when Complaints are made at the Tannah against any of the immediate servants

of the Nabob Wajud Ally Khan or others of equal rank & Connection. By reference to Mr. Armstrong's answer to me of the 31st August 1806 it will appear that on that occasion he considered his Police officers very much to blame.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 5th April 1808.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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T. L. N. Sturt Esqr.,
Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Having received a letter from the Agent to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General at Benares acquainting me that Syed Gholaum Ally Khan one of the sons of the late Nawaub Cossim Ally Khan who has obtained the permission of Government to visit his friends at Moorshedabad left Benares on the 30th of last month on his way to this place, and having received particular orders from the Governor General to have an eye to the conduct of the said Syed Gholaum Ally during his stay at the City I have to request you will instruct your Darogahs on the boundary of your Jurisdiction as well by water as by land with reference to the approach to this City from Benares to report to you for my Information the first Intelligence they shall have of the arrival of this Gentleman within your Limits and of his subsequently reaching the place of his Destination.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 8th April 1808.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th of February which came to my hands on the 15th ultimo.

2. I delivered the Letter from the Right Honorable the Governor General to Her Highness the Begum who expressed the Strongest Marks of grateful sensation at the distinguished Instance of favor and protection manifested by His Lordship in conferring a Khelaut on Roy Poorunchund in proof of his approbation of the situation Her Highness had made.

3. Roy Poorunchund with the concurrence of Her Highness fixed this day as one of peculiarly propitious Omen for the performance of the ceremony and has been accordingly invested in due form with a Khelaut of six cloths in the name of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General. A few English Gentlemen attended on the occasion and the ceremony was witnessed by the Nabob Meer Mogul the Nabob Soulet Jung Juggut Seet and his family many other Natives of distinction and a numerous assemblage constituting a very respectable Durbar adopted to the occasion.

When the ceremony was over the Roy went in the Dress of honor he had received to pay his Homage to the Nabob and the Bhegum I am informed by my Moonshee whom I deputed to attended him that his reception by His Highness the Nabob was extremely gracious and flattering that the Nabob received his Nuzzur and expressed himself much pleased with the Distinction that had been conferred on the Begums Choice.

I take the Liberty to enclose a note of the expense incurred on the purchase of the Khelaut and request to be favored with an order in the Collector for the amount (Sa. Rs. 1,900) one thousand nine hundred Sicca Rupees.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 10th April 1808.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

Memorandum of the Cost of a Khelaut &ca. conferred by command of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General upon Roy Poorunchund on his appointment of Dewan to Her Highness the Munnee Begum

1 Khelaut of 6 Cloths costing	Rs.	400
1 Jiggah Surpeach & Culgee		400
1 String of Pearls . .		1,100
	Sa. Rs.	1,900

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to submit for the Information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General copies of Letters received from their Highnesses the Nabob & the Munnee Begum stating the distress and Inconvenience occasioned by the retard of near two months in the Issue of the stipend, of which I understand very little more than one half has been supplied by the Collector for the month of February and that he does not hold out the expectation of having funds very soon to complete the Payment for that Month. Their Highnesses on the occasion of my Visiting them lately pressed on my attention the urgent necessity for their receiving the stipend regularly because they could not have recourse to Loans without incurring a charge for Interests and it was well known the state of the Nizamut Affairs afforded no resource to meet any beyond the fixed and regulated expenses of the Establishment.

I have whilst availing orders on the subject of this application ventured to assure their Highnesses that I am convinced every practicable mode will be adopted to enable Mr. Bevan to discharge the arrear due as speedily as circumstances shall admit.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 11th April 1808.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I had the honor to receive on the 29th of February your letter of the 22d of that month.

2. The Intervention of the Mohurrum Holidays which had commenced prior to the receipt of your letter and the strict observance by His Highness the Nabob of the religious ceremonies used on that occasion prevented my holding any communication with him on the subject of the Instructions I had received until the Middle of last month when I waited upon His Highness and explained the substance of your Letter in as much detail as the Occasion required and propriety dictated.

3. The Nabob enquired very particularly if I had stated to Government his Intention to avail himself of the services of Lalla Bolonaut Roy the Naib Dewan and to authorize him to exercise an efficient and active superintendence over the general detail of the Nizamut Affairs in their various branches and departments, I assured him I had stated that in one of my Letters but that such system did not appear to meet the approbation of the Governor General. He observed that Bholanaut Roy's appointment had in March 1806, received the unqualified sanction of the Governor General and that the allowance allotted to his office of Naib Dewan was five hundred Rupees p. mensem that if this person was deemed incompetent to the discharge of the duties he meant to assign him on the present occasion it did not appear that his services could be at all available or efficient in reference to the handsome allowance he received, that in consideration of the services rendered to the Nizamut by Bholonaut and by his father Roy Subansram (as detailed in the Letter I had honor to address you on the 3d of March 1806) he should feel considerable regret and mortification at seeing Bholonaut diverted of Employment and deprived of his salary but still it appeared to him that as the Nizamut had never required the services of two effecient officers in the capacity of Dewan and Nabib Dewan at periods of its greater splendor and more ostensible Importance such officers could not be wanted now it was hardly necessary to remark that the resources of the Nizamut were so limited and disproportioned to its exigencies which were daily increasing from contingent but unavoidable circumstances that he could not discover where any funds could be found to afford a salary for a new Office of that Importance which it appeared them was an Intention of establishing, that however of the System he had suggested was disapproved and by Government deemed wholly incompatible he felt it incumbent on him to shew on this as he had on every occasion a ready Inclination to meet as far as practicable the wishes of Government which could only be dictated by the properest motives.

4. His Highness concluded by observing that he could by no means give his consent to investing Roy Poorunchund with the authority exercised by the late Roy Monick Chund in the affairs of the Nizamut generally that he did not consider him to possess the qualifications requisite to discharge those duties vested in his ancestor, and that he must suppose, that if my opinion was required I had obtained opportunity sufficient to ascertain that he was not capable or competent ; that putting him out of the question he must take a little time to consider of a person to propose to Government as duly qualified for the Vacant Office as Government appeared to consider it in that light tho' he must observe to me that Roy Monick Chund held no office either real or nominal in the Nizamut and received no salary or allowance from the Department but was merely the private servant of Her Highness the Munnee Bhegum and of course no office was Vacated by his demise that he the Nabob coming to the Musnud at a very early period of his life found Monick Chund in the uncontrouled exercise of certain powers and Functions without holding any nominal situation which he appeared to administer wisely & proplably [?] for the Nizamut generally that he did not deem it prudent or expedient to disturb him nor should he have attempted it if he had been spared longer to the exercise of the duties allotted him but that on his demise as he (the Nabob) had attained his 35th year he did not conceive it necessary on general principles or desirable to delegate authority so unlimited or to permit any officer to Act in the department so wholly independent of controul or observation by His Highness himself as the late Monick Chund had done.

5. His Highness closed the Interview by telling me he should consult with the Munnee Begum understanding that I was instructed also to communicate with Her Highness on the subject of the reference I had conveyed to him and that with exception to Poorunchund he should feel disposed to give full weight to any recommendation from that quarter.

6. I had an opportunity of waiting on Her Highness before the Nabob had seen her and found her much disposed to advance the Pretensions of the Person she had selected for her Dewan but at the same time she gave it to me as her decided and unqualified opinion that no consideration would induce the Nabob to invest him with the controul held by Roy Monick Chund and exercised under circumstances of such seeming Independence and that she was convinced His Highness would be extremely jealous of her proposing the continuance of the System which had prevailed since he came to the Musnud but that nevertheless she should endeavor to induce his acceptance of Roy Poorun Chund and I should learn the result.

7. When I understood the Nabob had been with the Begum I waited upon him again when he expressed her regret that the Bhegum would not recommend any one to his Choice but Poorun Chund whom he was determined not to accept and he then suggested an Idea of Proposing his youngest son for Dewan and that Lalla Bholonaut the present Naib should perform all the Duties I assured him I was fully convinced such System would not be approved as it was in effect the same as what had been before submitted.

8. A few days afterwards I again paid a visit to the Begum and communicated with her in the spirit of your

letter, expressing from myself an earnest wish that as she found the Nabob so inflexibly determined not to propose Poorun Chund for the Situation of execution Dewan that she would recommend some other person observing that she had a large scope to select from as well amongst the dependents of the Nizamut as persons of Character hitherto unconnected with it, but Her Highness expressed a determination to interfere no otherwise than by recommending Roy Poorunchund, she appeared highly displeased at his rejection and said the Nabob might choose for himself. After taking leave of her at the Kellah on Saturday the 2d Instant I called on the Nabob as I passed Neshitbaug for the express purpose of reminding him that your letter of the 22d February urged that some person should be proposed without delay He regretted the Bhegum would recommend no one and said I should hear from him definitively on the subject very shortly after he should again have attempted to persuade the Bhegum to propose some other man whom he might have no personal objection.

9. I had no further communication with His Highness until Friday the 8th Instant when I received the letter of which I have the honor to send a copy enclosed desiring me to propose for the confirmation of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General the appointment to the office of executive Dewan of a Person named Kissen Chund Sing, the son of Poraun Kissen Sing deceased and Grandson of Gunga Govind Sing and on the day following His Highness sent Kissen Chund Sing to wait upon me. The Person proposed is in point of family and Connections very respectable and in habits and Education seems fully qualified to fill the Office in question. His Grandfather Gunga Govind was for many years Dewan to the Committee of Revenue and Aumeen of the three Soubahs of Bengal Bahar & Orissa. Poraun Kissen Sing acted as Naib & Paishcar to his father and was besides employed as I am told on different occasions by Government in Offices of trust and Importance.

Kissen Chund Sing himself is a Man of pleasing manners & address and has received an Education much more cultivated than generally falls to the Lot of Natives he is well versed in many Languages especially the Persian, Arabic Shanscrit and English which he speaks fluently and writes and Reads with facility, he has been employed as Dewan to the Collector of Burdwan sometime ago and more recently under the late Mr. Grame[?] when deputed to Cuttack to make the settlement of that province. He has considerable Possessions in landed and other property partly acquired but principally devolving from his ancestors, and his position in this respect may be considered as a pledge for the due and faithful discharge of his duty on the office proposed. He expresses himself gratified by the selection His Highness has made in proposing him and fully disposed to accept the nomination provided the appointment is put on a footing of respectability and he is invested with the Controul and authority which should enable him to discharge the functions of it with advantage to those who appoint him and with Credits to himself under all Circumstances I am not aware of any Objection to the Choice His Highness has made and think Kissen Chund Sing is as eligible as any one could be to the situation proposed.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 12th April 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward you under cover herewith a Letter addressed to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General by Her Highness the Munnee Begum as also an Arzee from her lately appointed Dewan Roy Poorun Chund who on delivering the same presented me a Nuzzur of four Gold Mohurs to be handed to the Governor General which in conformity to the orders of the 20th May 1803 was immediately returned to the Roy.

I enclose likewise a Letter from Roy Poorun Chund to your address and have the honor to be.—Your etc.

Moorshedabad, the 14th April 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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Rd. Turner Esqr.,
Acting Magistrate of Zillah Bhaugulpore.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose you copy of a letter addressed me on the 13th Instant by His Highness the Nabob on the subject of a new Gunge about to be established to the Westward of Cossim Gung in the Neighbourhood of Rajemehal & also another to the Eastward of it. At the same time that I informed His Highness that should write to you in compliance with his particular request I observed to him that I was not aware that under the tenor of the existing Regulations you could interfere decisively to prevent the establishment of new Shops or markets, but that I was persuaded you would issue such orders as you should deem adopted & necessary to your officers of Police to ensure the presentation of good order & prevent any disturbance or Infractions of the Peace in consequence of the new Establishment said to be projected.

I avail myself of this opportunity to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 9th Instant & to assure you that the Second Paragraph of my letter of the 5th Current did not imply any failure on your part of delicacy or respect towards the Nabob Wahed Allee Khan. In quoting the Regulation which sanctioned my addressing you on the Subject of the Nabob's letters I merely mentioned the attributes & purport of it meaning to infer that if the Police Officers of the Tannahs assumed an authority of apprehending the Nabob's immediate Servants it would be a deviation from the Intentions of Government in framing that Clause & I did not know when I wrote that Seeb Gunge was not in your Jurisdiction I was satisfied that on your being made

acquainted with the circumstance the proper remedy would be applied & I was not as you may easily perceive at all aware that Wajeed Ally Khan was in Correspondence with or had any direct Communication with you in your official Capacity I have had no letter from him before or subsequent to that of which I sent you the Copy & I have no reason to doubt his being very well satisfied with the line of Conduct you have adopted & the orders you have issued.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 20th April 1808.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affs.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose for the Information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General copy of a letter from the Nabob Syed Murteza Khan Behader.

As Coll. Kyd accompanied me to this Nabobs house & distinctly saw the very urgent distress to which he and his family are reduced by its being a mere heap of ruins affording no accommodation or Shelter whatever I conclude he will long ere this have fully reported to Government on the subject & that thereby the necessity is superseded for my dwelling on the subject or detailing the very unpleasant Position of this unfortunate Prince. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 25th April 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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A. Seton Esqr.,
Commercial Resident at Malda.

Sir,—His Highness the Nabob Mobaruck-ut-Dowlah having deputed his Darogah Mirza Bakker Ally as annually customary to procure Mangoes at Malda has desired me to furnish the Darogah with this Letter & to request your attention to any application he may eventually find it necessary to prefer to you.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 5th May 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I had the honor to receive on the 6th Instant your favor of the 25th of last month requiring me to report further on the appointment of an executive Dewan to the Nizamut & certain circumstances connected therewith.

2. On the subject of the 2d Paragraph of your letter I shall only observe that it did not appear to me ever to have been the Intention of His Highness the Nabob to have made much use of the services of Bholonaut Roy or to have called him into action, he would merely I conceive have left him (as at present) in the receipt of his Salary for a nominal & Sinecure Office & have confided all detailed duties to the heads of the different departments whom he would have Subjected to the Controul of one or more of the most intelligent Moonshees or confidential officers in constant personal attendance upon himself. I gathered this from what dropt in conversation when he first mentioned Bholanut as the successor, under certain restrictions to Roy Monick Chund & I then remarked that he did not appear to me in point of Intelligence activity or experience equal to the situation.

3. In more direct answer to the specific enquiry stated in the 3d & 4th Paragraphs of your dispatches I cannot hesitate to offer it as my opinion that no necessity exists for the appointment of both a Dewan & Naib Dewan one officer under whatever denomination Government may be pleased to assign him is assuredly quite sufficient for every requisite purpose.

4. Whether or not Bholonaut Roy is in my opinion qualified to discharge the Duties of the office is an enquiry I answer with some diffidence because I have had very little opportunity of forming a correct Judgement of his Talents & abilities never having seen him above three or four times, & that for a very short visit of ceremony at each Period. Ever since he came to the office about two years ago it has been to him a more Sinecure, & indeed it has been on that footing precisely for upwards of seventeen years since first a controlling authority was vested in the late Roy Monick Chund this is particularly explained in the proceedings of the Nizamut Committee of the 3d of May 1802 Extract of which accompained their address to Government of the 16th June 1802 Neither Rajah Mahanund as Dewan nor his successors Roy Achintram & Bholanaut Roy as Naibs were ever employed at the Durbar or interferred in the smallest degree beyond the mere Form of officially attesting the annual Accounts, & they neither possessed or exercised any controul whatever, of course no responsibility could be said to attach to the Office, as they held it ; whilst Roy Monick Chund who had the most unlimited controul & active Authority disclaimed responsibility because he received no Salary or perquisite as a public officer, he invariably declined both, and chose to remain the private servant of Her Highness the Bhegum. Now I humbly apprehend the object of Government is that a public Functionary shall be appointed vested with certain authority of Controul subject to the immediate orders of His Highness the Nabob, but that Government will expect from such Dewan or Executive Officer a particular detailed account of the whole annual expenditure of the stipend (with exception to the Privy Purse) & will look to him to see that the orders prescribed & the System laid down for the expenditure in detail shall be maintained with as little deviation as possible, & will expect him to report to Government thro' their Representative here, if there should at any time be any material departure from the

System prescribed whilst he is so far considered responsible to Government, the Duties attaching as a ministerial Servant of the Durbar will be various & extensive requiring activity of exertion, discriminating Intelligence & regularity of arrangement. From the little I have seen of Bholanaut Roy I do not think he possesses Intelligence generally or activity equal to the Duties to be performed, & I have already stated that he has had little opportunity of experience whilst holding the Office of Naib Dewan because Roy Monick Chund allowed him no Interference whatever. Previous to his nomination as Naib Dewan I find him recorded in the Statements submitted to Government with the Committees report as enjoying a Pension of Sixty Rupees p. month as one of the Molazimaun Imtiazy ; I have always heard him spoken of as a Man of fair & irreproachable Character.

5. From the general Tenor of the 5th Paragraph of your dispatch under the opinion above submitted I feel it incumbent to adopt the supposition that the Office of Naib Dewan may be considered unnecessary, & that I am in consequence called upon further to report from what fund resources can be found to meet the augmentation of expense that will be incurred to provide a Salary for a Dewan & in speaking on this head I shall first avail myself of the suggestion in the close of said Paragraph. that it is expedient the Salary to be fixed should in some measure be regulated with reference to the actual situation of the Stipend at large & the heavy demands upon it. Feeling forcibly the propriety of all practicable Economy at the present moment I should with submission offer it as my opinion that Rs. 800 p. mensem would be a salary adequate to the labor imposed the responsibility attaching & the Pretensions of those who aspire to the office. If this standard should be assumed & admitted the surplus to be provided is only Rs. 300 p. month which may be made chargeable on the supposed available surplus of Rs. 4,728 p. annum under the last arrangement prescribed.

6. When the Committee in 1802 made their general Revision, & proposed sundry Retrenchments of Pensions & other Items of expenditure they had great Deference to the opinions & recommendations of the late ministerial officer as well from respect for his character as from defect of Information attainable from any other quarter this appears in various parts of their proceedings, possibly under existing Circumstances, if the same Ground was to be gone over again some Individuals whose pensions have been continued either wholly or partially might hardly find now so strenuous an advocate to support their pretensions of right or Claims to favor as they had in the late Roy Monick Chund, & a second revision might produce further retrenchment to the extent of the exigency now expected, still I could hardly recommend the measure of another general Revision because I think it would excite much alarm & give cause of uneasiness to the Nabob & Bhegum but I shall just under the reference made to me state two Items that may perhaps be thought susceptible of partial Resumption at a moment when there is a pressure of exigency & resources have fallen far short of what was expected when the Committee entered on their Labors. The one is the allowance of Rs. 700 p. mensem to Rajah Soonder Singh & his family and the other the stipend of Rs. 1,000 p. month paid to the Representative of the Nabob Khellill Ullah Khan son-in-law of the late Mobareck ul dowlah. It is reported to me that this Personage left Bengal upwards of fourteen years ago & settled in Persia where he is now supposed to be, his wife died before he left this place & he left only one son by her who died about a year ago leaving one infant daughter by a Concubine the stipend has since the departure of Khellill Ullah Khan been always received by a Man named Mirza Abool Hossain in virtue of authority delegated by Khelill Ullah Abool Hossain and Khellill Ullah's son were always latterly at variance and since his death Abool Hossain pretends that he remits the whole stipend to his principal in Persia except 100 Rs. reserved for his own maintenance perhaps this stipend might by retrenchment afford some aid to the present exigency & I have reason to think a resumption of this sort would not be repugnant to the Nabobs Ideas of propriety as to the general principles which have governed the appropriation of allowances made expressly for the purpose of marriage settlements.

7. Having as far as I am able answered the several enquiries in your last received letter I have only to add my request that you will assure the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council that I have not been in any respect unmindful of the Instructions conveyed to me with your letter of the 1st received on the 9th of February that I have employed myself from time to time as fully as my other official duties & circumstances permitted in carrying into effect the arrangement projected & that I hope in the course of a few days to submit a report of my proceedings which will evince that there has been no unnecessary delay on my part.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 9th May 1808.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nizt. Affs.

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose you copy of a letter this moment received from the Resident of Delhi which gave cover to two small parcels containing nine Rings.

Under the Communication received from you in your dispatch of the 15th of June last of the Sentiments of the Hon'ble the Governor General (Sir George Barlow) regarding the transmission of Rings on the part of His Majesty the King of Delhi. I do not feel myself at liberty to deliver those destined for His Highness the Nabob or to accept these presented to me until I shall ascertain through you the pleasure of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General as to the line of Conduct to be pursued in this Instance.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 11th May 1808.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nizt. Affs.

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have now the honor to report for the Information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council the measures adopted by me and Progress made in the execution of the orders conveyed by your Letter of the 1st which reached me on the 9th of February last.

2. The adjustment of the Nabob's Debts as forming a leading feature in the Instructions above quoted naturally engaged my earliest attention & as it was indispensably necessary that previous to any disclosure of the Intentions of Government or of the Plan proposed for the liquidation or transfer of the debts generally that I should hold Communication with those creditors whose Claims are described under the Denomination of "Old debts" amounting to (as p. statements before delivered) Rs. 1,30,658 exclusive of Interest I lost no time in calling on these Men to give an accurate detailed account of their respective Claims, that after comparing their Statements with such specification of their several Accounts as I might find on the Records of the officers of the Nizamut I might make some proposition to them tending to the Adjustment of their Demands.

3. As Nussur Allah Khan the son & Heir of Meer Solimaun Khan one of the principal Creditors of the description just mentioned resided at Chinsurah I wrote to him a few days after receipt of your letter desiring he would either attend in person or depute some one on his behalf duly authorized to adjust with me, the amount and extent of his deceased father's claim upon the Nabob, which I observed stood upon the books at Rs. 23,730 agreeably to the accounts made up to the end of 1208 B.S. I received an answer from him stating that as the Festival of the Mohurrum was close at hand (it commenced on the 27th February) he could not attend at Moorshedabad until that should be over & that he had no Person whom he could depute or deemed qualified to adjust this account for him. Finding Nussur Allah did not arrive in all the month of March I wrote him again on the 1st of April & pressed his repairing here without delay, but he had left home previous to receipt of my letter & arrived at the City about the 12th of April but on account of Indisposition did not attend me for some days after his arrival and as there was a material difference between the amount of him claim as stated by himself & his account as made up by the Nizamut Omlah it became necessary to have two or three meetings to compare the accounts & discuss the objections on each side to the statements delivered before I could make up the Claim & these meetings were delayed by continual recurrence of very severe Indisposition of Nussur Allah Khan which several times prevented his attending on the Day fixed and appointed & it was not till within a very few days that I was able finally to adjust with him.

4. I have deemed it necessary to submit thus much in explanation of the Cause of delay which has occurred & which is alluded to in your dispatch of the 25th ultimo conveying the Commands of Government on other objects.

5. I have now to submit the account of the "Old Debts" made up to the close of the Bengal year 1214 just expired, under Statement No. 1 which accompanies amounting with Interest accruing to the sum of Sa. Rs. 2,24,863-6-10 from which is to be deducted Sa. Ra. 16,311-8-5 abatement or modification agreed to by three of the four Creditors comprized in this Statement as detailed at the foot thereof leaving the neat balance due on this account at Rs. 2,08,551-14-5.

6. By the demise of Rajah Looknaut his Estate is devolved on his son Koour Hurrynaut an Infant, the Guardians appointed by the Will of his deceased Father who by the sanction of the Broad of Revenue are intrusted with the Controul and management of the whole Estate do not consider themselves & certainly cannot be supposed competent either to propose any modification of the full Claim upon the Nabob or to acquiesce in any proposition that might be made to them on the subject. During Rajah Looknauts life time (who died about four years ago) he frequently pressed for an adjustment of his Claim & would as he represented most readily have sacrificed the greatest part if not the whole of the Interest accruing if he could have recovered his principal but the Nizamut accounts as submitted with Committee's Report were then under the Consideration of Government & I did not feel myself at liberty to intrude with any Abstract Proposition for this particular Item of Debt. In the progress of the arrangement now in contemplation I have had frequent occasion to see Kissennaut Roy the principal manager of the Estate of the minor Rajah and he has frequently observed that adverting to the nature of the debt & the Situation of the Party on whom the Claim attaches (as not being amenable to the Courts of Justice) & adverting to the Circumstance that all demand for Interest has virtually ceased since the amount has more than doubled the principal they the Guardians & Managers should consider any adjustment even supposing a deduction of Rs. 14,000 or upwards as beneficial for their ward because it would immediately release so large a sum of money which has now been so long locked up without any benefit accruing but they suppose that no Compromise can be made except under sanction delegated by the Board of Revenue, Court of Wards or other Regular constituted authority. It rests therefore with the Right Hon'ble the Governor General to determine whether any Negotiation is to be opened tending to propose Adjustment by compromise of this very heavy Item of the account & if it should be deemed appropriate thro' what Channel it shall be conducted.

7. On the part of the other three Creditors I did not find so ready a disposition to accede to terms of compromise or to make sacrifices of deduction to the extent I had hoped & expected when I last addressed Government on this subject, & every argument that my Judgement suggested was used to induce them to make greater concessions but without effect. Nussur Allah Khan urged that tho' his father Meer Solimaun advanced the money to the Nabob he had not funds equal to the Call

& was obliged to borrow the money of the house of Lewis & Joseph Baretto of Calcutta who regularly exact payment of Interest accruing without any allowance of deduction and therefore the loss by compromise now agreed to falls heavy on him. Mirza Buksh Ally pleads Inability to make further deduction observing that the account is made with every advantage to the Nizamut from there being no charge of Interest whatever on so large a sum as Rs. 17,551. Comprized in it being a disburse for the provision thro' Mirza Buksh of various articles for the Nabob's use, for which it was presumed in the first Instance the Parties who supplied the articles would wait patiently sometime for payment but the retard having been so very considerable he (Bukseh Ally) had been obliged to make from his own resources many payments some in full, and some partial only that under pressure of Inconvenience thereby he could very reluctantly forego so large a sum as Rs. 5,490 on his original Debt. Amber Ally Khan merely urged the distress and Inconvenience sustained by being so long kept out of his money and the loss accruing to him by the entire cessation of Interest now that the principal had more than doubled itself and therefore he trusted he should not be pressed for any further sacrifice beyond the sum stated of Rs. 6,137.

8. To enable Government to carry into effect the Resolution stated in your letter of funding the Nabob's debts at an Interest of 8 p. cent p. annum payable from the stipend it becomes necessary to make up with accuracy the account of the debt falling under the denomination of "New Loans" because the whole has been contracted subsequent to the time when the Committees report was made up and sent on as is particularly explained in my address of the 7th October last and statements accompanying. These appear by Statement No. 3 of October 7 to amount to the sum of Rs. 2,39,075 but that was for principal only without any calculation of Interest Statement No. 2 which I have the honor to send herewith shews the amount that has been paid subsequently to making up the account before submitted being Rs. 16,900 and exhibits the balance still remaining due at Sa. Rs. 2,75,787-7-14 making the Nabob's personal debts altogether amount to the sum of Rs. 4,84,259-5-19 but this may in the first Instance be considered subject to deduction of Rs. 20,580 on grounds which I shall proceed to explain.

9. The Statements and accounts which accompanied my letter of the 7th October exhibited an unappropriated Fund of Rs. 2,290 p. mensem or an annual sum of Rs. 27,480 which is adduced in statement of available assets annexed to your letter of the 1st February. His Highness the Nabob has in part anticipated the Intentions of Government as conveyed in your Instructions by putting three of his Brothers on their full Pension as sanctioned by Government during the administrations of the late Marquis Cornwallis and Lord Teighnmouth and specified in the Instructions to Sir John Harington in 1796, a reference to Paragraph 6th of my dispatch of the 7th October and to the Note at the foot of Statement No. 5 which accompanied said letter shews that it was wished and intended by the Begum and myself that four of the remaining six brothers should be put on the full pension in the course of 1214. I have since been informed that immediately after my going to Calcutta His Highness at the Instance of Roy Monick Chund acquiesced in the augmentation proposed for three of his brothers and when he signed the usual order authorizing the Issue of the augmented stipend he specified that it should have effect from the Commencement of the year 1214 B.S. altho' this absorbs Rs. 18,000 of the amount of available assets in the Statement annexed to your Letter so it reduces in an amount exactly equal the application thereof leaving demand for only three instead of six of the Nabob's brother's & requiring only Rs. 18,000 instead of Rs. 36,000. The proposed arrangements therefore of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General are no respect disturbed by this partial anticipation of His Highness but it became necessary I should state it here when giving explanation on the subject of the outstanding Debts because instead of the Sum of Rs. 27,480 of available assets mentioned above that Item for the year lapsed 1214 can only stand rated at Rs. 9,480 to which must be added the reserve of 3,500 p. mensem from His Highnesses privy purse for eight months only because credit for Rs. 14,000 (the Instalments for the first four months of the year) was taken in the accounts rendered in October as will appear by reference to Paragraph 3 of my address of 7th October last and to Statement No. 1 which accompanied it where Rs. 14,000 is applied to the reduction of debts there remains therefore for the year 1214 applicable from the

Privy Purse		28,000
Making an aggregate sum of ...	Rs.	37,480

as available assets for the years or more properly speaking for the last eight months of it—Now it appears by Statement No. 2 submitted herewith that the Payments for Principal & Interest of Debts under the Denomination of New Debts amount to the sum of Rs. 16,900 deducting which from the sum above stated Rs. 37,480 leaves a claim upon the Nizamut Funds generally of Rs. 20,580 which will be made good to the creditors in Statement No. 2 and operate as a Reduction of the sum total of debt there exhibited whenever the arrears of stipend for the year elapsed shall be issued from the Treasury.

10. Whilst speaking on the subject of the Nabobs debts generally I deem it necessary to refer to the fourth Paragraph of my letter of the 7th of October last which states that the whole amount of new Loans Rs. 2,39,075 is due to established banking houses or Mahajuns looking strictly to full and regular Payment of Interest, this was pursued under report and Information of Roy Monick Chund who was at my Elbow when I wrote it, Now on a particular Investigation of the accounts I find the three last named in Statement No. 2 Juggut Seet, Chunderbaun & Kissoree Sing answer to that description and that the other four are principal Servants and Dependants of the Nizamut who have advanced the sums respectively due to them, but the Omlah certify and His Highness the Nabob admits the claims to be bonafide Debts for monies advanced and supplied and indeed the best Proof of the Fact is that by Statements No. 1 & 2,

accompanyments to my address of the 7th of October the appropriation of the whole of the Loans in distinctly developed and of the amount a sum went to discharge

the old Debts equal to	Rs. 2,24,535-13-14-1
Interest was paid on the New Loans amounting to	14,530-13- 8-2
And a balance was forthcoming of	8- 4-17-1
	2,39,075- 0- 0-0

The Transaction therefore is clear but still as I found my former report not exactly correct I felt it incumbent to give the explanation now submitted.

11. On the subject of the intended augmentation of allowances to several branches of the Nabobs family & of the various retrenchments proposed to be made in Pension & Disbursements under unanimous recommendation of the Nizamut Committee sanctioned by the orders of Government last issued. I held early communication with their Highnesses the Nabob & Begum. I have the honour to submit herewith Copies & Translations of the Correspondence that passed on the subject which was also very fully discussed at several personal Interviews. My first letter marked A was sent to their Highnesses on the 22d of February & I did not receive any answer until the 27th of the following month after repeated Messages & applications pressing for it. On the 27th of March I received the answers marked B & C to which I replied on the 29th of March as p. copies & Translations marked D & E not receiving any further answer from either Department I waited on both the Nabob & Begum on the 8th April & had very full Communication & discussion on the subject of the objections they had suggested. The explanation I had given on the subject of the reserve from the Khullumdan Khanah or Privy Purse appeared to have fully reconciled both Parties on that score & the Nabob assured me that his demur to the retrenchment under the head of Tosheckkhanah in the expenses of the several Dewries was urged more in deference to the wishes of the two Begums than from his own Ideas on the subject & on this Item of Retrenchment Her Highness the Munnee Begum on my personal Interview expressed at first considerable Dissatisfaction & uneasiness as well as Reluctance to acquiesce but she at length acceded to the arguments I urged on my observing that if this point of objection was pressed on Government it would disturb the whole Arrangement that had been projected & after mature consideration adopted on which score I felt considerable repugnance at again intruding upon Government with the letters I have received on the subject—In the close of our conference the Begum told me I might consider that she had fully & unconditionally acquiesced in the measures of Retrenchment & that it was not necessary I should submit on her part any objections as detailed in her letters. From this detail I trust it will appear that there was no Procrastination on my part in carrying into effect that portion of the Instructions which (illegible) to the retrenchments proposed & that it will appear the delay arose from the demise suggested in the Durbar to a parts of the measure and when this object was obtained I considered the adjustment of the Debt account so nearly matured that it became unnecessary to report partially and I waited till I should be enabled to submit the result of the measures adopted in full execution of the orders of Government.

12. In conformity to the 6th Paragraph of your letter of the 1st of February I have intimated that the augmentations of allowances proposed & the retrenchments to be adopted in respect to Pensions & Disbursement are respectively as connected with each other to have effect from the commencement of the new year that is from the 1st Bysack 1215 B.S. corresponding with the 12th of April last which I trust will be approved & I accompany this with an amended Statement No. 3 of available assets & intended application prepared on the Plan of that which was sent me with your dispatch of the 1st February. In making up this statement it will be observed that I assume the aggregate without distinction of the Nabobs Debts bearing Interest of 12 p. cent as coming within the scope of the Resolution for funding the amount & take it avoid fractions at Rs. 4,63,000 supposing it to be reduced by compromise of Rs. 16,311 & by payment on the final Issue of Stipend for the last year of Rs. 20,580 the difference of 4 p. cent Interest calculated on this amount makes a considerable increase of the available Assets but it must be observed that in either case whether the sum funded be Rs. 2,40,000 or Rs. 4,63,000 whatever be the saving by reduction of Interest is no further an available asset except as an arbitrary Assumption from the Privy Purse Contribution of Rs. 42,000 & any Encroachment upon that becomes an Incumbrance or the fund for the progressive liquidation of the Mass of debt, which however I must suppose was considered when the orders of the 1st February were framed. Thus if the Debt is made up at Rs. 4,60,000 the Interest thereof at 8 p. cent will absorb Rs. 36,800 leaving only Rs. 5,200 to effect progressive retrenchment of the principal of the debt & of that 5,200 no less than Rs. 4,872 is put in immediate requisition under the head of available assets to meet exigencies of disburse for in the statement received from you credit is taken for Rs. 9,600 under the head of Resources & the surplus being only Rs. 4,728 the difference Rs. 4,872 is evidently absorbed & by the detail now given the actual surplus becomes reduced to Rs. 328 and therefore until by demise of Parties some considerable Pensions fall in the department must of necessity be constantly embarrassed as contingencies will occasionally occur & there is no fund whatever to meet them—In treating generally on the subject of the Debts, I have confined myself to that which falls under the description of the personal claims upon His Highness the Nabob because your Letter & the minute of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General of the 28th January press that upon my attention without noticing the Items of the floating or Nizamut debt or that incurred on the construction of the Emaum Barah as particularized in my report of the 7th October ; how these Accounts now stand, I shall only learn when I get the general accounts of receipts & disbursements for the year 1214 B.S. which cannot be made up whilst there is any arrear due from the Collector of that years Stipend & in preparing the Statements now submitted I have had some difficulty and considerable Interruption from the Want of activity & Intelligence of the Nizamut Omlah & from the want

of an executive Officer vested with Controul & authority to exact their services & possessing Intelligence himself to direct their Labors & to check Errors & defects whether wilful or accidental. To all this late Roy Monick Chund was fully competent but organized as the department now is I can get neither Information nor assistance & am obliged to explore my way in all objects which require Investigation under which Circumstance & other matters before submitted I trust I shall stand fully acquitted by the Right Hon'ble the Governor General for the retard that has occurred in making up this report.

13. I have had frequent conferences with His Highness the Nabob in the spirit of the order conveyed to me by the concluding part of the 3d Paragraph of your letter of the 1st February & have pressed him very closely on the subject of setting apart some fund for the exclusive purpose of gradually liquidating his debt to Government provided that by funding it in the manner proposed they should become his sole creditor His Highness has invariably assured me & desired that I would state to Government that so large a deduction as Rs. 3,500 from his Privy Purse (which he observed would fully meet the demand for Interest at eight p. cent) subjected him to constant difficulty & considerable Inconvenience that exclusive of that fund he possessed no resource whatever unless he brought to sale those jewels which have been & part whereof now stand mortgaged for the payment of his debts & even their produce would be very inadequate, that the whole condition of the Nizamut had so recently been investigated & exposed to Government in its most minute detail that they must be fully aware that it afforded no present resource of saving by further Retrenchment or any except the distant expectation of reversionary Contingency which may be very remote or may be early productive that in the meantime he considered he had a strong & pressing Claim on the justice of Government to assist him in recovering debts due to him & his father at the moment that they were adopting measures for the benefit of his creditors at large in this he alluded very pointedly to his Claim upon Delawur Jung (as submitted to the Committee & referred to in their report) amounting to upward of Four Lacks of Rupees that he trusted this might be brought in aid of progressive reduction of his debt & that more would not be expected of him or if it was that he hoped to be permitted to state in detail his situation with reference to expectations under the Treaty concluded with his father & to those derived from the letter of Mr. Cartier when Governor General & to prefer his Claim to the Government here & if it should by them be thought necessary to the constituted authorities at home for such Relief by augmentation of the stipend as the merits of his case might induce from the Justice of these he addressed or the distress of his situation might claim from their Liberality. On this Head I did not feel that I had liberty of discussion I merely said each recurrence of the subject at different Interviews that I should report to Government the Inability he expressed to make further provision for the liquidation of his Debt & his hope that they would assist him in recovering what he claimed from Delawur Jung & others & that if enjoined I would hereafter forward some explanation in detail of those Claims.

14. It remains only now for me to add that the Nabob & Begum & all the connections of the Nizamut as Parties more immediately suffering Inconvenience anxiously wait the Communication of such orders as shall be issued on a consideration of Coll. Kyd's report touching the repairs of those buildings which were destroyed by the storm in March, the rainy Season is now very near at hand and the distress of the sufferers will of course be increased I continually receive applications from some of the Begums whose buildings in the Kellah are fallen down & hardly a day passes that the Nabob Syed Marteza Khan does not either write me or depute his Dewan to represent the urgent & extreme distress of his situation I do not deem it necessary to enlarge on this particular case here having addressed Government so lately as the 25th of April thro' the medium of the Secretary in the Persian Department. The Wing of the new Palace intended for His Highness the Nabob is not yet finished but I apprehend will be ready for his reception early in next month & I could wish to be informed whether it is the Intention of Government that it should be at once made over to His Highness when Major Fleming shall consider his work completed or whether it is intended (as the disbursement has been so large) that any Survey shall be made of the condition of this building & the manner in which it has been executed & finished previous to giving the Nabob Possession, as subsequent to his Occupancy any survey for the purpose of adjusting the Charge may be productive of Inconvenience to His Highness. The Nabob now resides chiefly at Nishitbaug in the house belonging to Delawur Jung formerly occupied by Mr. Rocke he visits the city occasionally, but seldom, & still retains the occupancy of my house there as he cannot dispense with it until he has some accommodation in the Kellah.

Under the Idea that I have fully replied to every part of your public dispatch of the 1st of February & in the hope that I have satisfactorily accounted for the delay that has occurred in the transmission of this Report I have the Honor to remain.

Moorshedabad,
the 16th May 1808.

T. Pattle,
Supt. N. A.

No. 1.

Enclosure No. 1.

Statement of Debts outstanding against His Highness the Nabob Mobarek-ool-Dowlah of former date & which were included in the Accounts submitted by the Nizamut Committee with their Report of the 9th November 1802 under denomination of "Old Debts" made up now with all Claim by the Parties for Interest which was not before included in the account

Meer Solimaun Khan's Debt now claimed by his son Nussur Allah Khan which in Statement before transmitted is rated at the sum of Rs. 23,730 arises on two bonds and is detailed as follows—				
One bond dated 1st Jeyt 1204 B.S. for principal . Rs. 22,000 on which intermediate payments were made and it is now admitted by the parties that the amount due thereon for principal on the 1st of Phaugun 1207 B.S. was	21,000			
Interest accruing thereon from the 1st Phaugun 1207 to the 31st Chite 1214 being seven years & two months @ 12 p. cent amounts to . . .	18,060			
		39,060 -0 -0		
Another Bond dated 27th Maug 1206 B.S. for Rs.	1,325			
Interest from the date thereof to the 31st Chite 1214 being eight years and two months is	1,298- 8-	2,623- 8-0		
Total of Meer Solimauns Claim				41,683- 8- 0
Rajah Looknauts Debt now claimed by the Guardians appointed by Government to the Superintendence of the estate of his son (a minor) appears in the Statement before transmitted to amount to Rs. 32,000 arising from two Bonds Vizt.				
One Bond dated 1st Aughun 1202 for . . Rs. 20,000- 0- 0				
One Do. dated 20 Maug 1202 for . . . Rs. 12,000- 0- 0				
	32,000- 0- 0			
these bonds bear Interest of 12 p. cent p. annum which made up to the end of 1214 B.S. amounts to .	47,364- 0- 0			
		79,364- 0- 0		
As by the Regulations no demand for Interest can be claimed on a Bond beyond the actual amount of the principal a deduction is made of the surplus		15,364- 0- 0		
Leaving the demand at				Rs. 64,000- 0- 0
Mirza Bucksh Ally's Demand Stands in the Statement before submitted by the Committee at the sum of			Rs. 80,213- 5- 0	
by intermediate payments at different times of			Rs. 25,472-13- 0	
it was reduced as appears by my Statement of 7th October last to . .			Rs. 56,860- 0- 0	
From which is to be deducted a portion which bears no Interest because the Debt arises not from money advanced or lent but for the provision of articles ordered by and for the use of His Highness the Nabob & by him admitted to have been received			17,551-14- 5	
Leaving the principal of a debt running at Interest from the 1st of Bysack 1209 B.S. amounting to			Rs. 39,308- 1-15	
Interest thereon from 1st of Bysak 1209 B.S. to the 31st Chite 1214 B.S. is 6 years . . . . . Rs. 28,301-10- 0				
Of this a payment has been made lately on account of . . . . . Interest which amounts to . . . . . Rs. 2,119- 8- 0				
balance due on account Interest			Rs. 26,182- 2- 0	
Total demand including Interest			Rs. 65,490- 3-15	
Add Debt due for articles provided as before detailed			Rs. 17,551-14- 5	
Total of Mirza Bucksh Allys Claim				Rs. 83,042- 2- 0
Amber Ally Khans demand stands in the Statement submitted by the Committee at the sum of			Rs. 29,839-12-15	
by intermediate payments at different times of			Rs. 11,770-14-10	
It was reduced to the sum in Statement of 7th October last . . .			Rs. 18,068-14- 5	
Interest thereon from 1st Bysack 1206 B.S. to the 31st Chite 1214 B.S. at 12 p. Cent nine years is			Rs. 19,514- 4- 0	
			37,583- 2- 5	
As the Interest accruing cannot exceed the principal a deduction is made now of			1,445- 5-15	
Total of Amber Ally's claim				36,137-12-10
Total of Old Debts outstanding				2,24,863- 6-10
From which deduct abatements by compromise of Parties vizt.				
On the Claim of Meer Solimaun Khan			Rs. 4,683- 8- 0	
On Do. of Mirza Bucksh Ally			5,490- 3-15	
On Do. of Amber Ally Khan			6,137-12-10	16,311- 8- 5
Leaves the neat amount of Old Debts Interest included				Rs. 2,08,551-14- 5

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Moorshedabad,
the 16th May 1808.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nizt. Affs.

No. 2.

Statement of Debts outstanding against His Highness the Nabob Mobareck-oo-Dowlah for New Loans contracted subsequent to the Investigation in 1802 by the Nizamut Committee the proceeds of which were applied as explained in the report of October 7th 1807 to the discharge by compromise & otherwise of several of the most pressing of the Debts of long standing reported by the Committee

Amount principal of Sookmun's date as p. Statement No. 3 transmitted with Report made October 7th 1807		Rs. 48,000- 0- 0			
Interest thereon from 1st Bysack 1209 to 31st Chite 1214 B.S. being 6 years amounts to at 12 p. cent		34,560- 0- 0			
Total of Sookmauns Claim					82,560- 0- 0
Amount principal of Besumbers debt as p. Statement No. 3. of October 7th 1807		Rs. 24,000- 0- 0			
On which interest is due from the 1st of Bysack 1213 to the 31st Chite 1214 being two years at 12 p. Cent		5,760- 0- 0			
Total of Besumbers Claim					29,760- 0- 0
Amount principal of Ally Bucksh's Claim in No. 3 of Statement of October 1807 stands at		Rs. 5,125- 0- 0			
Interest thereon for two years at 12 p. cent being from 1st Bysack 1213 to 31st Chite 1214 B.S. is		1,230- 0- 0			
Total of Ally Bucksh's Claim					6,355- 0- 0
Amount principal of Nekuddum's debt as p. Statement No. 3 of October 7th 1807		Rs. 20,000- 0- 0			
Interest from 1st Bysack 1214 to 31 Chite is one year at 12 p. cent amounts to	2,400- 0- 0				
of which he has received payment prior to account made up in October	Rs. 1,000- 0- 0.				
Subsequently	700- 0- 0	1,700- 0- 0			
Remains due on Interest account		700- 0- 0			
Total of Nekuddums Claim					20,700- 0- 0
Amount of Kessoree Sings Claim as p. Statement No. 3 of October 7th 1807					20,000- 0- 0
All Interest has been paid on this to the end of 1214 B.S. Chunderbans Debt stands in Statement No. 3 of 7th October 1807		Rs. 11,950- 0- 0			
Interest due thereon to the 31st Chyte 1214 after deduction of intermediate payments		433-13- 0			
					12,383-13- 0
The balance due to Juggut Seet on his Bond is stated in account made up to 7th October 1807			Rs 1,10,000- 0- 0		
Interest accruing			8,948-10-14		
			1,18,948-10-14		
Of which he has received since the 7th of October 1807 in discharge of the principal by Instalments		Rs. 8,551- 0- 0			
In liquidation of Interest due		6,449- 0- 0	15,000- 0 -0		
Total due to Juggut Seet on bond					1,03,948-10-14
Total amount due on New Loans					Rs. 2,75,707- 7-14
On which will be paid from this stipend of 1214 B.S.					20,580- 0- 0
Leaving the balance of New Debt at					Rs. 2,55,127- 7-14

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Moorshedabad,
the 16th May 1808.

N.B.—The Bond which Juggut Seet hold specifies that he is to receive a Monthly Instalment of not less than Rs. 3,000 in payment of the sum due & that he is at liberty to deduct from each receipt first the full amount due for Interest & then give Credit in the principal for the balance of each Instalment which renders the account complicate of adjustment & in a degree (illegible) in its principal.

Detail of payments on new Loans subsequent to making up the account on the 7th October 1807 vizt.		
To Nekuddum in part of Interest due to him .	Rs.	700- 0- 0
To Kessoree Sing for six months Interest falling due on the 31st Chite 1214 . .		1,200- 0- 0
To Juggut Seet for principal & Interest as p. detail above stated		15,000- 0- 0
	Rs.	16,900- 0- 0

Moorshedabad,
the 16th May 1808.

No. 3.

Statement of available Assets in the Nizamut Department of Moorshedabad and of their proposed Appropriation

The Retrenchments proposed by the Nizamut Committee amounting altogether to the sum of	87,379-12-10
Deduct therefrom Items to which the Nabob, the Begum and Mr. Pattle as President of the Committee Strongly objected which amount to	14,731- 4- 0
Leaving a Fund of available Assets of Rupees	72,648- 8-10
To which add an unappropriated Fund which stood at Rs. 2,290, but by augmentation of the allowances of three of the Nabobs brothers to the extent of Rs. 1,500 has been reduced to Rs. 790 p. mensem or annually .	9,480- 0- 0
Add also the difference or saving of 4 p. cent on Rs 4,63,000 the whole amount of the Nabobs debts bearing Interest of 12 p. cent but proposed to be funded at 8 p. cent .	18,520- 0- 0
Total Assets	Rs. 1,00,648- 8-10
Deduct the stoppage of Rupees 3,500 p. month from the Privy Purse to form a fund to clear off progressively the debts	42,000- 0- 0
Leaves the amount of Assets at Rupees .	58,648- 8-10

Applicable as follows

Encrease of allowance to the Nabobs mother who now has Rupees 1,000 p. month to which adding 1,000 will absorb Rupees .	12,000- 0- 0
Encrease to the Nabobs eldest son who now has Rupees 850 make it 1,200 p. month will take	10,200- 0- 0
Encrease to the Nabobs Second son who now has Rupees 300 to make it 400 will require .	3,600- 0- 0
Encrease to put the three younger brothers of His Highness the Nabob on the Establishment as settled by Marquis Cornwallis & Lord Teighnmouth which fixes their stipends at Rupees 1,000 each will require.	18,000- 0- 0
Additional allowance to Mohobut Ally Khan the brother of the Nabob Soojah Dowlah of Rupees 100 p. mensem . . .	1,200- 0- 0
	45,000- 0- 0
Leaving a surplus from the Assets applicable of Rupees	13,648- 8-10
	58,648- 8-10

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Moorshedabad,
the 16th May 1808.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

Enclosure No. 2.

Translation of a Letter from the Superintendent of Nizamut Affairs to His Highness the Nabob written on the 22d Feby. 1808.

The Gentlemen of the Committee under Instructions from the Governor General in Council sometime ago in consideration of the Embarrassments of the Nizamut from Debts incurred and excess of expense accruing proposed certain Reductions in the disbursements of the Department without encroaching in the allowances settled on your brothers & sisters & on the immediate Relations of your Highness but affecting the Pensions of sundry of the Malazimaun Imtiazy and other Dependents of the Sheristah Nizamut, Sheristah Bhelah & Meersawmaney—A detailed statement of the Retrenchments proposed was submitted to you & to Her Highness the Munnee Begum with my Letter of the 12th July 1802 & was honored with your Notice you was pleased to signify your Objections to some of the Reductions proposed & to state them to me in detail of particulars. The Committee then adverting to the heavy encumbrance of Debt incurred & to the deficiency of Assets to meet exigencies of a pressing nature revised the former & made an amended statement of proposed Retrenchments—of the articles retrenched in this amended statement I as President objected to some to the extent of Rs. 14,731. The papers were all submitted to the Hon'ble the Governor General and ultimately His Excellency and the Members of Government considering the Report of the Committee & the observations I had submitted & approving the objections I had suggested to some Items of proposed Reduction confirmed & adopted the rest to the extent of Rs. 30,648-8-19-2 as a saving to be made in the annual amount of disbursements but adverting that such saving was inadequate to the existing Claims & exigencies they directed their attention to a further article of Retrenchment suggested and were of opinion that Rs. 42,000 should be reserved from your Highnesses Privy Purse which added to the above sum made an available fund of Rs. 72,648-8-19-2 which the Committee recommended as an adequate Reduction & Government approved it accordingly.

I have accordingly received Instructions to submit the Circumstance to your Highness & to the Bhegum as has been made known to you by Letters from the Right Hon'ble the Governor General dated the 1st Instant I

had the honor to transmit these Letters on the 16th of the month & you will have understood their Contents. Now I submit to your consideration with the accompanying address detailed lists of all the proposed & adopted Items of retrenchment & of Parties affected thereby. In full confidence from your enlightened understanding the Government rely & I have the strongest hope that the measures proposed by the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council will have your decided approbation & Concurrence & that you will give effect to all the Retrenchments adopted and will state to me whatever may suggest itself to you on a perusal of the papers sent that I may report to Government in conformity therewith.

To the Munnee Begum of equal date and to similar purport.

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Enclosure No. 3.

Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob to the Superintendent of Nizamut Affairs dated the 27th of March 1808.

After the usual Compliments & the acknowledgements of the letter of the 22d February from the Nizamut Superintendent the Contents of which the Nabob recites in detail he proceeds to say. How shall I state to you the Embarrassment my mind continually labors under. From the term that the Hon'ble the Governor General appointed a Committee for the revision of the Charges & expenses of the Nizamut, which in consequence of the burthens accruing by the accession of a numerous Progeny descending from my father & by the Introduction of connections by marriage have been for sometime past constantly and heavily increasing, I entertained sanguine & flattering hopes of the result assured that the Governor General & Council adverting to my Claims & situation would materially improve the general Position of the Nizamut and as considerable delay had occurred in the adjustment of the measures to be adopted during the administrations of Marquis Wellesley, Marquis Cornwallis, Sir George Barlow Bart. and the Right Hon'ble Lord Minto the present Governor General I deemed that a favorable men & trusted that the Result of such protracted Consideration would induce happy consequences for the Nizamut generally & I hoped that my suffering were nearly at an end. Now that in disappointment of my best hope Reduction are intended in various branches of the Nizamut and even a Reserve proposed to be made from my Privy Purse which was allotted for my personal expenses & was never before considered as an object of retrenchment nor even included in the measures proposed by the Committee what can I infer therefrom but augmentation of suffering & anxiety. You will have the Goodness to explain to me to what purposes the Sum of the Retrenchments which you have stated amounting to Rs. 30,648-8 are to be applied. The call upon the Privy Purse for Rs. 42,000 & the proposed reduction in the Dewry appear to me very objectionable as it must be attended with infinite distress & mortifications. You will therefore report on this head to the Governor General in Council who with consideration to my situation will I am satisfied pay a favorable attention to my wishes.

Enclosure No. 4.

Translation of a Letter from Her Highness the Munnee Bhegum to the Superintendent of Nizamut Affairs dated 27th March 1808.

After the usual Compliments & the acknowledgement of the Letter from the Nizamut Superintendent of the 22d of February the Contents of which the Begum recites in detail Her Highness proceeds thus: My valued friend! It is matter of Notoriety all over the World that the Engagements entered into by the English Gentlemen are most strictly and inviolably observed. I had full confidence & hope that such system would ever obtain when (Mahamut Dowlah) the Hon'ble John Cartier (Roostum Jung) in the 13th year of the Kings reign wrote a letter saying that when the Nabob Mobarck oo Dowlah deceased should attain the age of twenty one years such addition would be made to his stipend of which the half had been resumed as should be deemed reasonable & proper. After that period had arrived, & by some years elapsed, & the Nabobs family had increased considerably in number several Representations were made to the Governor General & Members of Government stating the distress experienced from heavy augmentation of expense, but the times being inauspicious, the Gentlemen at various periods took into consideration the general state of the Affairs of the Nizamut with a view to its relief & minutely inspected all the accounts in detail & prescribed sundry Retrenchments, but did not afford the promised augmentation of allowance, which alone would have healed the Wounds of those who were suffering altho' they spared no Pains of Investigation. Now that the Right Hon'ble the present Governor General arrived in this Country, We entertained sanguine hopes that material Relief would be afforded to the Nizamut & I trusted that on Inspection of the report of the Nizamut Committee (and the Papers appertaining thereto) who with infinite labors & attention to the minutest objects of detail had suggested Retrenchment to the extent of thirty thousand Rupees His Lordship seeing the embarrassed state of the Nizamut would confer on it some mark of his liberality & favor. But as Grief and Pain depend on destiny and are allotted to Mortals, in full defeazance of the hope cherished a further Retrenchment is proposed of Rs. 42,000 from the Privy Purse. Now as this is an Object which must cause the utmost distress & Inconvenience to the delight of my Eyes His Highness the Nabob (receding all his titles) for whose personal & particular expenses the Fund was assigned it of course excites in my mind the utmost Pain & anxiety for I must necessarily suffer if my Children are exposed to difficulty or distress. Moreover the Reduction in the annual allowance to the Dewries for the clothes of the females an object attaching solely to the department of the Mehal Serai or Seraglis is a source of much difficulty & embarrassment, in this respect I entreat of the Governor General to extend to us both

Justice & favor, his Power is unlimited & his equity equally considerable you will in consequence make to him the necessary representation in appropriate terms. I am confident he will do everything that shall tend to our relief. I shall hereafter send an answer to the Letter he kindly addressed me & which you forward.

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Enclosure No. 5.

Translation of a Letter from the Superintendent of Nizamut Affairs to His Highness the Nabob written on the 29th of March 1808.

I have been honored by the receipt of your Letter in answer to my address of the 22d of February & have understood the contents. You are pleased to enquire as to the Causes for the Retrenchments proposed to be made & the manner in which the proceeds are to be applied. From deficiency of assets & material enhancement of expense and owing to the call for augmentation of allowance to some Parties agreeably to the Plan before adopted, & to others under new claims preferred, especially some addition to the Stipends of Syed Mohobut Ally Khan brother of the late Nabob Serajah ud Dowlah to the allowances of your brothers an Encrease to the Walidah Begum & to the Sons of your Highness all these objects requiring the sum of Rs. 30,648 a Report was made to Government recommending sundry reductions in the salaries of several of the Molazimaun Imtiazy or dependents & in sundry Articles of expenditure after much discussion & consideration of various Plans & arrangements. The Hon'ble the Governor General after inspecting the report of the Committee & giving deliberate attention to the representations I had the honor to make to him & having also in view your Interests & all consideration due thereto, was pleased to confirm the Retrenchments suggested, which in conformity to his Commands I fully stated in my former Letter. Your Highness has observed that former Governments did not interfere with your Privy Purse & that even the Committee had not assumed that as an article of Retrenchment. This Article most assuredly was included & specified in the Committee's report & altho' it is true no communication was made to you in writing on this particular Head still it must have been well known to your Highness. I am now well aware of the objection you make to this Item of reduction. The Committee reported on the great extent & pressure of the Nizamut Debt generally & on the distress & pressing Importunity of your Highnesses Creditors with reference to the orders which had been issued for making adjustment for the liquidation of the debts, & that in consequence they proposed that from the year 1209 the sum of Rs. 3,500 p. mensem should be set apart from the amount allotted for your Highnesses Privy Purse & Roy Monick Chund was instructed to convey Information of this proposition as well to you as to Her Highness the Munnee Begum & at that time no objection to the measure was made on the part of either on the contrary from the Steps that were immediately taken & from what has followed since I had every reason to suppose that it had your fullest approbation, for in the accounts made up for the last five years from 1209 to 1213 inclusive it appears that the amount above stated has been applied regularly & progressively to the discharge of your personal Debts & this practice still obtains. Full & complete Translations of all these annual accounts have by me been laid before the Governor General. After an acquiescence of so many years & after so much of your personal Debts has been liquidated from this Resource I am at a loss to account for any demur or to reconcile the objection now started. It is certain that this is not to be considered on the footing of other retrenchments as a decided & positive alienation from the Fund allotted for your Privy Purse, it is merely a temporary Call on your particular & personal resources to answer those demands which particularly & especially attach to you whenever your personal Debts are paid you may be assured that this sum reserved will as before revert to the general amount allotted for your Privy Purse & altho' I did not state this in detail in my address of the 22d February I fully explained it to your Highness in conversation.

Amongst the Retrenchment originally proposed by the Committee was an Item of Rs. 4,187-11 resumed from the Dewries, afterwards in deference to the Objections suggested by your Highness & the Begum the subject was reconsidered & the retrenchment was taken at only the sum of Rs. 1,952-4 which was included in the report ultimately submitted & with reference to existing exigencies before stated this retrenchment was confirmed by the Governor General after due consideration & much Communication regarding it and His Lordship has every reason to expect that the System proposed & adopted will be carried into effect without variation. If I am now to propose any material alteration it would disturb the whole arrangement planned. I certainly cannot object to transmitting the substance of your reasoning in your letter but as I cannot but consider that any further representation would be wholly ineffectual I have deemed it incumbent to state as much respectfully to your Highness & I feel a confident hope that you will adopt & give effect to the measures His Lordship has sanctioned & directed. I have received the accounts of all Payments for the debts for the year 1213 B.S. & shall be glad to know as early as possible what has been cleared off in the currency of 1214 that I may include it in my report.

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Enclosure No. 6.

Translation of a Letter from the Superintendent of Nizamut Affairs to Her Highness the Begum written on the 29th March 1808.

I have received your Highnesses letter & understood the content especially the objections you have suggested to the Retrenchment in the Privy Purse Fund & in the expenses of clothing for the Dewries.

The letter then proceeds to state to Her Highness everything that was urged to His Highness the Nabob on the subject of the Retrenchments in the two articles abovementioned in words of exactly similar impute & then adds.

The Right Hon'ble the Governor General after full Communication on all points contained in the Com-

mittees report adverting to the deficiency of assets & resources and to the pressure of exigencies & Claims of Parties for encrease of allowances to put them on the footing of the Plans laid down & of others for recent augmentation especially the Walidah Begum & Mohobut Ally Khan the Brother of the late Nabob Serajah Dowlah & the Brothers & sons of His Highness the Nabob was pleased to confirm all the Retrenchments proposed. It does not appear to me expedient or advisable to press now upon attention the objections your Highness at this moment makes to the Resolutions adopted. The arrangement prescribed has been very fully discussed and deliberately considered before His Lordship gave it his sanction & he has every reason to hope & expect it will be adopted without hesitation I certainly cannot object to reporting the Contents of your letter but as I cannot entertain an Idea that such representation would now be attended to I have preferred submitting in the first Instance such my opinion & from your enlightened understanding I am very confident you will adopt & approve what His Lordship has recommended & I trust you will favor me with an early communication of your sentiments.

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Henry Parry Esqr.,
Judge & Magistrate of Zillah Nuddeah.

Sir,—Government having been pleased to desire that His Highness the Nabob of Bengal would depute some Person on his behalf duly authorized in concert with an Aumeen or other officer nominated by the Collector to make the necessary enquiry & consequent adjustment regarding some Rumnah Lands claimed by the Nizamut which have been encroached upon by several Nelaumdars & other Landholders within your District, His Highness has been pleased to depute Lalla Sohun Loll as a Serberakar & two Vakeels to attend him for the purpose & the Nabob has requested that I will give Sohun Loll this Line of Introduction to you & that I will solicit on his behalf your favorable attention to any Representations which the said Serberakar may have occasion to make, whether for Assistance in the discharge of his Duty, or for Protection if he should meet with any Interruption or Molestation. I have ventured to assure His Highness that I feel confident you will attend to his request as far as may be consistent with the Duty of your situation & the Regulations of Government.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 23d May 1808.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

[The same to Francis Law Esqr., Judge & Magistrate of Jessore ; W. Armstrong, Collector of Kistnagur and J. Digby, Actg. Collector of Jessore.—Ed.]

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J. Digby Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Zillah Jessore.

Sir,—I had on the 7th Instant the honor to receive your Letter of the 2d & am this moment favored with that which you have addressed me on the 26th of the month.

2. His Highness the Nabob having several days ago appointed an Aumeen named Lalla Sohun Loll with a Suitable Establishment for the purpose of proceeding to Kistnagur & to Jessore to act in concert with your officers in making the necessary enquiries regarding his Rumnah Lands which are contested I gave the said Sohun Loll a few lines of Introduction to you of date the 23d Instant & considered the necessity was thereby superseded of making any separate reply to your Letter of the 2d I regret now the omission as it has caused you additional trouble.

3. As Sohun Loll goes first to Kistnagur & has much to do there it may be sometime before he arrives with you.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 31st May 1808.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt on the 28th of your letter of the 16th of last month, and on the 30th I received from the Persian Department the Letters addressed by the Right Hon'ble the Governor General to their Highnesses the Nabob & Munny Begum on the subject of the recommendation of a person to the office of executive Dewan.

2. I lost no time in transmitting those Letters accompanied by a complimentary note apologizing for my Inability to deliver them in person, in consequence of a temporary Indisposition, & on the 3d Instant I addressed the Begum stating that I was sufficiently recovered to attend at the Khellah on any day Her Highness might be pleased to appoint for the purpose of assisting at the conference which had been recommended by His Lordship having previously ascertained from the Nabob that any day the Begum should fix would be equally acceptable to him.

3. On the 5th Instant Her Highness sent her Dewan to acquaint me she had seen and conversed with the Nabob on the subject of the proposed reference, & that she wished to have an Interview with me separately previous to my attending at the Kellah in company with His Highness, in consequence of which Intimation I waited upon her on the following day Monday the 6th Instant.

4. I found Her Highness exceedingly disturbed, and displeased in consequence of the Nabob not having acceded to her wishes of nominating Roy Poorun Chund to the proposed appointment as she said that on all former occasions, the Nabob & his Predecessors had always shewed an implicit conformity to her sentiments & opinion, & that the Insistence of the Nabob in the present Instance excited no less her surprize than her Resentment ; I observed to her in answer with all the respect and delicacy the circumstance & occasion required

that I had understood in more than one conference I had with Her Highness, that she herself did not entertain expectation that the Nabob would accept the Services of Poorun Chund, but at the age of 35 would claim the right of nominating his own ministerial officer & would not select one of the family of the late Roy Monick Chund from apprehension of his attempting to assume & exercise that independent controul asserted by Monick Chund during his administration, this sentiment expressed by Her Highness I referred to in the 6th Paragraph of my public address of the 12th April and in my private Communication with you of the same date, & the expressions Her Highness had used in her conferences with me were so forcibly marked and so clearly distinct that it was impossible I could have mistaken her meaning, still on the present occasion the Begum was pleased to disavow having meant to express any opinion to that effect or any doubt of the Nabob's ready acceptance of the services of Poorun Chund.

5. Her Highness then enquired how far the former System would be maintained whatever may be the result of the selection of a Dewan, & whether the Officers of the Department generally would be amenable to her Call and subject to her orders conveyed thro' Roy Poorun Chund her private Dewan, I observed in answer that I conceived the executive Dewan, who ever he might be, would at all times be most ready to receive her commands either personally attending or thro' such medium as Her Highness might chose to convey them & that any orders thro' him for the attendance of any officer will be implicitly obeyed but that I did not conceive it could be intended that the several subordinate officers in each department should be required to be in constant regular attendance upon Roy Poorun Chund because such System would render him the real & efficient Head, and the executive Dewan a mere nominal officer, the Begum then proposed conducting the detail of all business herself & that all the Nizamut officers should receive their orders from her, I answered I had strong reason to think that such system would be considered imprudent and inefficient on the Grounds stated in your Letter of the 22d February which I explained generally. To my enquiry whether Her Highness had any particular objection to the Party proposed by the Nabob the Begum said only the general disinclination she felt to the admission of any stranger to Interference of any kind in the department, & therefore she wished if the Nabob would not accept Roy Poorun Chund as Dewan, that the situation might be conferred on some of the old servants of the Nizamut who might conduct the business under her immediate active controul, and by the advice of her Dewan. Her Highness then named Lalla Bholanaut, Atmaram Sheristadar of the Dewanny, & Roy Chund the Paishcar of the Bhelah, as Objects for selection I observed that I had reason to think the first named was not deemed competent to the situation either by the Nabob or Government, that Atmaram I had never seen but he had been reported to me as wholly inefficient from Age and Infirmities (which Her Highness readily admitted was the case,) & that Roy Chund was a very subordinate officer of whom I had no personal knowledge or Information. The Begum then expressed a decided wish that I would see the Nabob communicate to him the result of the conversation I had that day with her ascertain whether there was any reason to think he would adopt her Choice of Poorun Chund and if not whether he would bring forward any of the subordinate officers now attached to the Nizamut and as from other Calls of duty it might be inconvenient to me to come immediately again to the Kellah she proposed to depute Poorun Chund to receive from me in writing a Communication of the result of my conference with the Nabob which would decide her as to holding the Conference as proposed with the Nabob & me and as to fixing a day for the purpose—I accordingly visited the Nabob on the day following the 7th and on the 8th wrote the Begum a Letter of which I have the honor to enclose a Copy No. 1 as being explanatory of the result of my Conversation with His Highness & pressing her to appoint a day for the meeting. I received on the 12th Instant an answer from Her Highness of which Copy is enclosed No. 2 expressive of her continuing to desire that Bholanaut might be appointed to act as Dewan subject to the Controul of Roy Poorun Chund, and evidently declining any further personal Communication on this business either with the Nabob or me, as these Letters are fully explanatory it does not appear necessary that I should offer anything further on the subject. On the 13th Instant I wrote a few lines to the Nabob & the Begum stating that as it appeared from the Tenor of the last Communication by Her Highness that she declined the personal Conference which had been suggested by the Right Honorable the Governor General I should feel it my Duty to report circumstantially all that had occurred subsequent to the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo in the execution of the Orders of Government therein conveyed and that I could wish at the same time to be permitted to forward the answers of their Highnesses to the Letters from His Lordship of the 16th May to this I have at the present moment received no reply from either.

6. I communicated to both the Nabob & Begum the proposed arrangement by abolishing the office of Naib Dewan & fixing a salary of Rs. 800 p. mensem to that of executive Dewan to be established, in the propriety of which they appeared fully to acquiesce & when I adverted to the situation of Lalla Bholanaut with respect to his Pension on the Establishment of Molazimaun Intiazzy it appeared to be the earnest and decided wish of both their Highnesses that at least the former Pension should be continued to him, & the Nabob expressed his desire that it might if practicable be encreased to Rs. 100 p. month. I cannot obtain any accurate Information as to the circumstances of the officer I do not find that he possesses any landed estate or avowed real property & have reason to think tho' not in positive Indigence he is by no means in Circumstances of affluence to render the Pension he received as matter of Indifference to him and I therefore trust Government may in their Liberality be pleased to restore it.

7. The Nabob still appears on my consulting him to entertain in their fullest extent, the same scruples & objections he before expressed to any Resumption of the allowances enjoyed by Rajah Soonder Sing & his family neither does it appear that such measure would be acceptable to the Begum. When I mentioned to Her Highness the Idea of a Reduction in the stipend of the

Nabob Khelill oolah Khaun she at present strongly objected to the measure on the Plea that tho' his wife & her offspring were dead still the Pension was no more than adequate to the personal support of Khelill oolah Khan herself & his Connections but when I reminded Her Highness that in the case of Toraub Ally, (which I shall probably have occasion to submit to Government) another of the Demands, she had contended that the whole stipend granted as Dower was in a manner exclusively the independent right of the wife and not subject to Claims of the Husband himself much less of his family, Her Highness desired I would state the Circumstance to the Nabob & leave him to determine or rather to propose the extent of reduction appropriate if any should be made in the allowance of Khelill oolah observing that as he had married a daughter of the Nabob's father tho' by a different mother the object became more immediately interesting to him on consulting His Highness he said that he thought a reduction might be made but that with propriety it should not exceed five hundred Rupees p. month. With respect to Khelill oolah Khaun I cannot obtain any more accurate Information than was conveyed in my address of the 9th ultimo. His Agent Mirza Abdool Hossain reports him to be still resident at Ispahan but acknowledges he has not heard from him for a considerable time antecedent to the death of his Son about twelve months ago but it is generally understood that Khelill oolah Khaun is settled in Persia Aubool Hossain says that he remits the proceeds of his stipend after defraying expenses incurred here thro' a Mogul Merchant in Calcutta named Mahomed Sauduck & in consequence of my enquiry he introduced to me a Mogul resident at this place named Abdul Hossain thro' whom he remits to Mahomed Sauduk this Man stated that Rs. 6,000 had been remitted thro' him within the last two years as this is only fourth of the stipend drawn from the Nizamut I desired Aubool Hossain to furnish me with a general Abstract of his disbursements which he promised to do but has not yet sent it to me I apprehend the bulk of the pension is either enjoyed by him as Agent or absorbed in useless expenditure.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 14th June 1808.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affs.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—In continuation of my dispatch of the 14th Instant I have now the honor to transmit the answers of their Highnesses the Nabob and Begum to the Letters addressed to them by the Right Hon'ble the Governor General referred to in the 4th Paragraph of your Commands of the 16th ultimo.

In transmitting these Letters (of which copies are of course deposited in my office) I feel it my duty to observe in a Passage in that from Her Highness the Munnee Begum, which describes Roy Poorun Chund as having acted in the situation of Naib to his deceased Relation Roy Monick Chund, that he was never announced to me in that Character by Monick Chund nor had I during near twelve years that I have been here any official Communication with him as such ; that he came to me two or possibly three times accompanied by the deceased Roy who was very solicitous that I should recommend him to Employment under some English Gentleman in official situation. In consequence of which I did recommend him in 1802 to the Register of the City Court & subsequently in 1806 sent him up to the same gentleman who was appointed to the situation of Collector of Allahabad where he remained but a short time. During the administration of Roy Monick Chund he never appeared to delegate authority of Interference to any subordinate officers to enable them to acquire conversancy in the routine of duty, from which Circumstance Inconvenience was felt during occasional Illnesses to which he was very subject & is experienced now that we have lost his services altogether, as I do not find either Poorun Chund or any other subordinate officer competent to afford much information on the present state of the Nizamut or on objects connected with past Transactions.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 16th June 1808.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affs.

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Major Fleming Esqr.,
Berhampore.

Sir,—In consequence of a Letter I have received from the Secretary in the Political Department of date the 30th ultimo I feel it necessary to desire you will report to me for the Information of Government whether the Wing of the Palace is completed and ready for the reception of His Highness the Nabob & if not when it will be finished, & whether the premises adjacent to this Wing are in such state as to admit of the immediate occupancy by the Nabob of the new Building.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 17th June 1808.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt. Affs.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose you Copy of a Letter addressed to me by Major Fleming.

2. I was induced to enquire respecting the actual State of the new building in consequence of the concluding Paragraph of your letter of the 30th May, & of some conversation I had with the Nabob who informed me Major Fleming had no Workmen employed in the Kellah, but that the approach to the Wing built as well as the whole premises adjacent, were so blocked up by loose bricks & other Rubbish scattered in every Direction that it became necessary such Incumbrance should be cleared away to make the building habitable and the Approach commodious. At present independent of existing Inconvenience the appearance is very unseemly & Major Fleming awaits the orders of Govern-

ment for the disposal of the Bricks &ca. which may be applied as he suggests or may be made useful in the construction of new buildings proposed to be erected in the Kellah

3. Not having received from the Persian Department the Letters mentioned in the 20th Paragraph of your commands of the 23d of last month I have not yet communicated with the Durbar on the subject of the proposed repairs & buildings, as the Rains however are now set in with considerable Impression I apprehend no Progress can be made in the Works immediately. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 20th June 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I had the honor to receive on the 9th Instant your dispatch of the 30th ultimo conveying the commands of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council for the regulation of my conduct in the adjustment of the Debts due to sundry persons from His Highness the Nabob.

2. Some little delay has occurred in carrying these Instructions into effect owing to the Absence of one of the principal Creditors Mirza Buksh Ally who was gone to an estate he has in Radshy, at a considerable distance, and only returned on Friday, & to the non-attendance from Indisposition of Nussur ullah Khan.

3. All the parties concerned were yesterday in attendance, & I very distinctly explained to them the purport of the orders I had received, and the grounds on which the Governor General had reason to expect a ready acquiescence in the propositions made that they should relinquish all Claim to Interest on receiving immediate payment of their principal. I laid stress on the objection to demand for Interest on obligations passed where both Debtor & Creditor are Mussulmen & observe on the Charge for Interest not having been calculated when the statement of Debts was made up in October last ; they, the Creditors, generally stated that as the Account was made up by an officer of the Nizamut, & they were not called upon, or consulted at the time, they could not be responsible for the manner in which their Claims were brought forward to the notice of Government. In the account delivered to Committee noticed on the 31st Paragraph of their report of the 9th November 1802 & detailed in Statement which accompanied under mark K exhibiting debts to the amount of Rs. 7,07,000 the Claims of Meer Solemaun Khan, Mirza Buksh Ally & Amber Ally Khan are recorded as bearing Interest in distinction from those of Nehal Chund & others but Roy Monick Chund did not at the time make up the account with any accurate Calculation of Interest to any given period, neither did the Committee think it absolutely necessary then to call for it, but Payments on the score of Interest have been made to Meer Solemaun Khan from Jaist 1204 to Maug 1207 amounting to Rs. 9,610 & Interest on the Engagement for Rs. 21,000 dated in Jaist 1204 is now only calculated from Phaugun 1207. In like manner Mirza Buksh Ally has received Payment in part of Interest to Bhadoon 1214 amounting to Rs. 2,119-8 as noticed in Statement No. 1 accompanying my report of the 7th October and again in Statement No. 1 of the 16th May. It becomes necessary I should explain this in consequence of the observations in the 4 Paragraph of your letter supposing the calculations of Interest to have been made from the dates of the Loans, & that intermediate payments had not occurred on that score.

4. The Creditors generally observed that the unvaried practice of the present times & the tenor of decisions continually passed in the different Courts of Justice gave sanction to their Claims for Interest on Loans to the Nabob which is further warranted by the Letter of the obligations entered into which are in the usual Form of Bonds under the seal & signature of His Highness specifying the sum borrowed, & received, the half of said amount in explanatory varification, the date when the Debt is contracted, & the period stipulated for Payment with Interest at the rate of one p. cent p. mensem this appears the general tenor of each of the Bonds of which Copies are deposited with me by Nussur Ullah Khan, the Guardians of Looknauts Son, Besumber for himself & Sookmaun, Ally Buksh, Nekuddum Kissoree Sing, Chanderbaun & Juggut Seet. Neither Mirza Buksh Ally nor Amber Ally Khan hold any Bonds but statements of their accounts made up to the periods of the Committees report above referred to were delivered under the seal & Signature of His Highness the Nabob & they hold counterparts of such authenticated Statement as the voucher for their Claims. Mirza Buksh Ally & Amber Ally Khan delivered in representations on the subject of the proposal of Compromise Copies of which in conformity to their earnest request I have now the honor to send herewith numbered 1 & 2.

5. The Bonds or obligations held by Nussur Ullah Khan are one for Rs. 22,000 in the name of Lewis Baretto with recital that the sum is borrowed through the medium of Meer Solemaun Khan, and one for Rupees 1,325 purporting to be money lent by Joseph Baretto thro' the same Meer Solemaun Nussur Ullah States that the money in question tho' standing in the name of the house of Baretto was taken up on his father's credit from sundry merchants to whom his father became accountable for Interest & they have continued to demand & to receive it from him & thus being in fact only an intermediate Agent he cannot wholly abandon a Claim for reimbursement of Interest unless he could be indemnified by those to whom he is accountable which he has no reason to hope or expect still for the sake of getting rid of an irksome suspense & unpleasant responsibility he felt disposed to make a personal sacrifice of four or five thousand Rupees. At the particular request of Nussur Ullah Khan I enclose No. 3 Copy of his representation on the subject of the proposition I was directed to make to him in Common with the other Creditors and he informs me he proposes immediately to proceed to Calcutta to consult with the Parties interested on the proposal which has been made, & will communicate with you if there should be room for further Concession in the demand made for Interest

on the Claim on His Highness as a security for this Debt Jewels are deposited with Messrs Baretto stated to be a Necklace with a double Row of large Pearls 76 in number 4 Emeralds 4 Rubies & a diamond Medallion by them estimated at Rs. 50,000. The remarks contained in the foregoing Paragraphs are I believe all that it is requisite for me to submit on the subject of what are termed the "Old Debts."

6. On the subject of the New Loans I have to represent that of the four Creditors mentioned in Paragraph 11 of your letter Bessumber & Sookmun are Hindoos, the former is one of the Cazanchees to the Nabob & Sookmun is a Gomastah or dependent of his, and Besumber represents that not only the Bond from His Highness to him but that given in the name of Sookmun is his sole & exclusive property, that he preferred taking securities under separate names, & was advised to do so by Roy Monick Chund rather than have the whole claim standing in his own Name. The Fact as is stated is admitted by the Nabob, and confirmed by his Omlah, & it is within my knowledge that all these Debts in No. 2 of statements accompanying my report of the 16th May last were contracted during the administration and thro' the Influence and Medium of Roy Monick Chund himself, subsequent to the making up the Debt account by the Nizamut Committee, which accompanied their report of the 9th November 1802, & by Statements No. 1 & 2 accompanying my report of the 7th of October last the detail is exhibited of the application of the whole amount borrowed under the description of new Loans by which it appears that of Rs. 2,39,075 taken up the sum of Rs. 2,24,535 went to the reduction of the Nabobs debt of Rs. 7,07,000 before noticed and Rs. 14,530 to the payment of Interest on the New debt contracted so that the application of the whole sum is fully & fairly accounted for.

7. With respect to the proposition for compromise by acceptance of principal and complete abandon of Interest which I was directed to make it appeared to be listened to with great reluctance by the Parties to whom it was made, & their reasoning on the subject was so prolix various & desultory that I readily acquiesced to the proposition made by these four creditors to commit to Paper their sentiments & representation copies of which I have the honor to submit herewith numbered from 4 to 7 inclusive.

8. With reference to the enquiry in Paragraphs 12 & 13 of your Letter I have to report that the Bonds given by His Highness to Sookmun, Besumber, Ally Buksh & Nekuddum are all exactly of the same tenor & description as particularized in the 3d paragraph of this address, nor doth there appear any discrimination between these Claimants, the reason assigned for Nekuddum obtaining a partial payment of Interest in preference to the others is that he had greater facility of access to the presence of His Highness from his official situation, was more urgent & importunate in preferring his Claim & gained attention as the portion of Interest asked, did not amount to a considerable sum.

9. A Portion of the Nabobs Jewels are mortgaged & deposited with Juggut Seet as security for the money lent by him in Sawun 1214 to pay off by compromise the large Debt due to Kishen Caunt as detailed in Statement No. 1 of accompanyments to my address of the 7th of October last, the Value of these Jewels pledged is said to be very considerable, the Officers of the Nizamut value them at upwards of two Lacs of Rupees. With exception of Juggut Seet & the house of Baretto I do not find that any Debts are covered by deposit of Jewels or other valuable property of the Nizamut.

10. On a full consideration of the subject I am of opinion that if some small additional compensation was held out to the several Claimants beyond the mere tender of payment of their principal sum, all Parties excepting Nussur Ullah Khan would readily & thankfully acquiesce, nor is it improbable that if the terms already proposed are insisted on the Creditors of the Old & new Debts may accept them rather than encounter the risque of being left to depend for the recovery of their Loans to Contingent circumstances remote in expectation, & precarious in their Issues but under such considerable sacrifice I think they would look to the Nabobs liberality & principles of honor & justice for further relief hereafter. I have pressed the subject fully upon the attention of those concerned in the spirit of the orders & Instructions conveyed to me by your Letter.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 20th June 1808.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

Enclosure

List of accompanyments to Letter of the 20th June 1808.

agreed	No. 1	Representation	of Mirza Buksh Ally
agreed	2	Do.	of Amber Ally Khan
	3	Do.	of Nussur Ullah Khan
	4	Do.	of Bissumber
	5	Do.	of Bissumber
	6	Do.	of Ally Buksh
	7	Do.	of Nekuddum

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit for the Information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, Copy of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob enclosing an Arzee addressed to him by the Widow of the late Rajah Mukund Bullub son of Rajah Rajebullub deceased Roy Royan of Bengal &ca. I wished to decline forwarding this Petition & presented to the Nabob that I could not encourage expectation that anything would result from the transmission favorable to the Interests of the Petitioner but His Highness was so very urgent that I should submit it that I felt it impossible to avoid doing so.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 27th June 1808.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose you Copy of a letter from His Highness the Nabob on the subject of a

Subpana which it appears has been served upon Sohun Loll the Aumeen deputed a few weeks ago by His Highness to adjust in concert with the Officers appointed by the Collectors of Nuddea & Jessore the boundaries of some contested Rumnah Lands situated in these districts. It appears to be the desire of His Highness that Sohun Loll should be permitted to answer upon Oath to any Interrogatories which may be sent by the Supreme Court touching any Matter at Issue & that such answers should be given before the Court of Appeal or any of the Zillah Judges, because the forcing this Officer to Calcutta & detaining him there would materially interrupt or probably defeat the purpose of his mission which if not completed soon will be ineffectual from the impending rainy Season & its effects upon the Country. Subpanas have been issued against one of the Brothers by marriage of the Nabob & against officers of his Household, which is very unpleasant to His Highness but I do not enlarge on that subject here because it has been fully submitted to Government by the Court of Appeal who have represented the situation of Individuals & the consequences felt by the frequency of the Practice which lately obtains of issuing Subpanas from the Supreme Court on all persons indiscriminately altho' not resident in their Jurisdiction & without discrimination as to their competency to give any testimony at all relevant to the matter at Issue. I shall wait your Commands to inform His Highness whether or not any relief can be afforded regarding the attendance required of Sohun Loll.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 27th June 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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John Battye Esqr.,
Judge & Magistrate of Zillah Backer Gunge.

Sir,—At the particular desire of His Highness the Nabob of Bengal I have the honor to give a few Lines of Introduction to be delivered to you by Sheik Warriss Ally the Agent deputed by His Highness to settle some differences regarding some contested Nowarrah Lands in your & other adjacent Districts.

2. I have to request you will be so obliging as to hear any Representation the said Warriss Ally may have occasion to make to you touching some Disturbances which are said to have occurred at a place called Sungramghur in Pargunnah Ootul Shabazpoor & afford him such Relief & Assistance as may be compatible with the Merits of the Case & with the Duty of your official situation acting under the Rules prescribed by the Regulations of Government.

3. On the 21st of April 1803 I had the honor to address a Letter to your Predecessor announcing the appointment & Deputation of Sheik Warriss Ally & the objects of his Mission to which I crave your reference on this occasion and have the honor to be.—Your etc.

Moorshedabad, the 27th June 1808.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affs.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit under cover herewith an Arzee addressed to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council from Syed Fuzzulally Khan on the circumstances attaching to whose situation I had the honor to report fully on the 12th of May 1806 with reference to the report of the Nizamut Committee and its accompayments. On the 16th of September last I also forwarded an Arzee from the same Party to the Governor General.

Adverting to the orders received from the Political Department under date the 5th of June 1806. I have informed Syed Fuzzul Ally that I am satisfied no Encrease can at this Moment be made to the stipend he receives. If His Lordship should be disposed to pay attention to the other alternative he suggests of assigning to this Petitioner for his sole personal benefit the sum of Rs. 49-7-13-2 p. mensem received now by the widows or heirs of Parties deceased who shared in the allowance of Rs. 300 issuing from the Nizamut Under the name of Syed Fussel Ally Khan I shall make the Necessary enquiry as to the Validity of his assertion & obtain Information of the exact detailed Distribution of the whole allowance.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 1st July 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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T. L. N. Sturt Esqr.,
Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to send you the Answer of the Bubboo Begum to your Letter transmitted on the 1st Instant.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 7th July 1808.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affs.*

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Major Fleming,
Berhampore.

Sir,—Having sometime since submitted to Government your letter of the 18th ultimo I received on the 10th Instant their Instructions under date the 27th of last month on the subject of the propositions therein contained.

2. The Right Honorable the Governor General does not, for reasons which are assigned in the Letter I have received from the Political Secretary, think fit to authorize the disposal of the Rubbish which lies contiguous to the building lately erected in the manner by you proposed, not intending that it shall be used in the foundation of the remaining part of the Palace but His Lordship is at the same time fully aware of the indispensable necessity that this Rubbish should be removed without delay & has therefore enjoined its being done forthwith, so as to render the Approach to the Wing

of the Palace commodious & suitable to the nature of the building & to the dignity of His Highness the Nabob. His Lordship is desirous that the note to be adopted in the removal of the Rubbish may be attended with as much convenience & as little expense as possible.

3. The Secretary to Government informs me that it has been suggested that the Rubbish of loose bricks &ca. in question might be used in the construction of the proposed Poostah or retaining Wall intended for the preservation of the Bank of the River which it has always been the Intention of Government to have constructed at the earliest practicable period. If the Rubbish can be brought into use in this work it occurs that it may be easily removed from its present situation and collected near the bank of the River until it shall be wanted. I visited the spot with Coll. Kyd yesterday morning it is his opinion that the Rubbish may be made useful for the purpose suggested and he recommends that it should be immediately collected & regularly deposited in the form of a Poostah to the Westward of the Palace Wing & all along the bank between it & the River & further progressively as it may occupy space from thence it will at the proper time be easily thrown in at the back of the intended retaining wall for the purpose of strengthening & supporting it & in the meantime the appearance will not be very unseemly I shall be glad to have your sentiments on this proposition.

4. As it appears to be the Intention of Government that the preliminary steps for the commencement of this retaining Wall early in the ensuing season should be undertaken without delay I have been directed to call upon you to specify the amount of the advance which will be immediately required for the purchase of Timbers to be used in the Construction of Framework for the Foundation.

5. I observed to Coll. Kyd that your Estimate of the 12th July 1803 which is now before me provides for the probable expense of constructing a substantial retaining Wall in length no less than *962 Feet* & of dimensions as therein specified with two Turrets, 24 Buttresses &ca. now this evidently was intended as a precautionary safeguard for the whole of the proposed building in its utmost extent. It appears that the completion of the remaining parts of the Plan of the Palace is deferred to an indefinite period & from circumstances in your different estimates I am led to suppose that the Wing constructed does not at the utmost occupy more than one fourth of the space the whole building would have taken up, a question therefore arises whether so great an extent of retaining Wall is necessary whilst only a part of the main works is performed. I mentioned this Circumstances to Coll. Kyd and he appeared to agree with me in opinion that for the present a part of the retaining wall might suffer proportioned to the extent of the Plan carried into present effect I should wish to submit your sentiments on this point when I forward your estimate for advances required. I observe also that your Estimate for the Poostah of the 12th July 1803 provides for enclosing the whole of the Premises with a Wall 14 feet high & 2½ thick & for raising and levelling the whole of the Ground an object apparently essentially necessary & most intimately connected with the removal of the Rubbish & rendering the approach to the Palace practicable & commodious as by Government required & enjoined & it is obvious that a work of this nature may as well be done at the present as at any other season. I therefore recommend this object to your consideration when you forward me the Estimate of advance now called for.

Indisposition prevented my communicating to you earlier the orders I had received in answer to my reference of your letter & I delayed writing for two or three days because I wished to have Coll. Kyd's opinion & advice on the spot on objects connected with the works performed & to be undertaken, & the Colonel was so obliging as to accompany me yesterday to inspect the building & the state of the premises contiguous.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 20th July 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have now the honor to acknowledge more particularly the receipt of your Letter of the 23d of May enclosing copy of a Report submitted by Coll. Kyd together with sundry Plans & Estimates referred to therein.

2. I did not until the 22d of last month receive from the Persian Department the Letters for their Highnesses the Nabob & the Munny Begum mentioned in the concluding Paragraph of your dispatch above referred to, & until the receipt thereof I did not feel at Liberty to communicate fully with their Highnesses on the subject of the Instructions I had received, touching the Repairs intended & authorized; & shortly after I was attacked by a bilious fever which continued to annoy me for near a fortnight and wholly interrupted my attention to public business.

3. On the 6th Instant I communicated to the Nabob the substance of the orders I had received, he paid particular attention to the whole detail minutely inspected the Plans furnished by Coll. Kyd compared them with those sent in by the deceased Roy Monick Chund & curiously even over the whole detail of the Estimates furnished by the Colonel & by Monick Chund expressed his entire satisfaction in the arrangement that had been adopted & assured me of every Cooperation on his part to giving full effect thereto, & that he should take a very early opportunity of replying to His Lordships letter of the 23d May & of expressing his very grateful sense of His Lordships considerate attention in making such ample & seasonable provision for the more comfortable accommodation of the various Branches of his family, adding however that as the Rains were now completely set in & that with an unusual degree of violence he did not apprehend anything could be done for at least three months to come in the way of commencing the intended Repairs.

4. On the following day Thursday the 7th Instant I repaired to the Kellah, to make similar Communication

to Her Highness the Munnee Bhegum, & have with regret to observe that I did not find on the part of Her Highness any disposition to attend to my representation. In the outset of the conference she observed, that as notwithstanding her earnest & repeated representations the object had been so many months delayed until the rainy season was fully & fairly set in, she did not think there was any necessity for considering or discussing the matter until the Rains should be over, as nothing could be done at present. With considerable difficulty I obtained Her Highnesses Permission to read & explain to her the substance of your letter of the 23d May & I did not get thro' it for a considerable time under constant & repeated Interruption Her Highness observed that certainly in the construction & repair of apartments allotted for the females no Interference could be admitted of any English Gentleman, or officer of Government except on occasional Instructions in the manner I had described, & she appeared to think that the Parties to be accommodated were the fullest Judges how the sums allowed by Government could be best applied for their comfort and accommodation. This remark evidently had reference to the suggestion by Coll. Kyd approved by Government that there was no indispensable necessity for the repairs of the Chandnee Mehals and of the outer or Gateway apartments included in the Plans submitted by Roy Monick Chund for His Highness and the Bubboo Bhegum, as described under Plan 2d, 3d, 5th & 6th of Colonel Kyd's report, and she added that when the Plans were to be carried into effect she should only interfere in that which related to herself and her own department and that I might take the sentiments of the Bubboo Begum as to the repairs proposed for her and consult the Nabob as to the accommodation to be afforded to his mother, his sons and himself. These few remarks were made under various Intervals of Interruption whilst I was explaining what was necessary of the orders I had received and as soon as I had finished the letter and expressed a wish to enter on some general explanation of the Plans and estimates which accompanied it the Begum asked me from whence the resources would be furnished to defray the expense of the proposed buildings and repairs I answered that I understood the funds would in the first Instance be supplied thro' me from the Collectors office, Her Highness observed that her question went further than I appeared to conceive from my answer that the object of her enquiry was not as to the immediate resource furnishing the money but whether the Government meant it as a free Gift to the Nizamut or whether the advance now made would ultimately at any future period be carried to the debit of the stipend or of the 16 Lacs now allowed for the stipend, and that she also wished for similar Information with respect to the wing of the Palace which she understood had been built at considerable expense I could only answer her that I was not informed on the precise subject of her enquiry and therefore could not resolve the questions, she then broke up the conference by desiring I would inform myself and acquaint her touching the sums proposed to be disbursed on repairs, as until she obtained specific Information on that score she must decline holding any communication with me on the subject thereof or permitting any steps to be taken to carry into effect the Instructions issued. I observed to Her Highness that obvious motives evinced the propriety of her giving some written answer to His Lordship's letter of the 23d of May and that it would be particularly satisfactory to me if she would state in her letter the result of our conference which was more necessary as some misconception had occurred with respect to a conversation we had on a former visit I had paid her. Her Highness assured me she should write to the effect I had desired but tho' I have twice reminded her of it since by letter she has not yet sent me any answer to the Communication from His Lordship.

5. On leaving Her Highness I visited the Bubboo & Waledah Begums and explained what had been planned and extended for their benefit and accommodation a communication which induced many grateful acknowledgements on their part with an observation from Her Highness the Bubboo Begum that she could wish to be permitted to appropriate the sum allowed for to be laid out on her apartments in the manner best calculated according to her own Ideas to ensure her the greatest comfort and most convenient accommodation observing that it appeared to her the repairs to her Chandnee Mehal was the object of all others the most essentially and indispensably necessary, and that she wished to have them done in preference to any other portion of the repairs suggested and was ready to acquiesce in any check or controul Government might appoint to ascertain that the sum allowed was fully and fairly expended. I assured her I should report her wishes to Government.

6. On the day I received your letter of the 23d May I lost not a moment in making the necessary communication to the Nabob Syed Murteza Khan Behadur and have the honor to enclose you copy of my letter to him. On the 12 June His Highness sent me his Dewan with a written memorandum expressive of his distressed situation and stating that his circumstances were so embarrassed and his monthly stipend so deeply mortgaged by anticipated loans that if he became subject to a stoppage of one thousand Rupees p. month he should be wholly deprived of the means of subsistence besides breaking his faith and the engagements he had entered into with those who had supplied Loans on the security of his monthly receipts. I could only to his Dewan express my regret at his embarrassments and desire he would send me a written answer to my letter and I subsequently wrote him to similar effect on the 25th & 29th ultimo and 4th Instant. I was informed from time to time by his Dewan that he had been and continued dangerously ill but I received on the 17th Instant a letter from him copy of which is enclosed. On the subject of his proposition for a retard of payment of the debt which will be incurred and for liquidating it by more easy instalments, that must rest entirely with Govt. in its indulgent consideration of the Nabobs embarrassments which are certainly very great so as fully to require the extension of aid asked, but I cannot recommend it as a measure of prudence or expediency to issue to His Highness the sum to be disbursed and leave it to his uncontrolled disposal on the Grounds he solicits, as his extreme Improvidence and want of management does not warrant such confidence.

7. In addition to be [*sic*] above detail of my proceedings under the Instructions issued it is only necessary for

me to add that I shall endeavor in every respect strictly to conform to the Letter and spirit of them and that I shall in due time invite proposals of contract for my parts of the repairs which may not be carried on under the more immediate controul and direction of their Highnesses ; but I very much doubt if proper persons will be found at or near this city either by them or me to undertake objects of this nature by contracts. If engagements of that nature are peremptorily insisted on I think the contractors will be merely nominal Personages, and the securities tendered for the due performance of engagements, will be the principal servants and immediate dependants of the Nizamut, and if that is to be the case I would respectfully submit to Government whether it would not be as safe and more expedient to permit the Parties to be benefited to do their own work at their own times in their own way subject to controul as proposed that is I will superintend and see from time to time that the work is carried on with a promptitude and dispatch proportioned to the advances supplied and Major Fleming as a professional Man should see that the work to be done is properly executed as to quality of materials and attention to the Plans laid down by Colonel Kyd. Upon this footing I would propose that the Munnee Begum should thro' her Dewan and Officers Manage and direct the repairs to her own apartments and to such portion of those apartments allotted for the Females of the deceased Nabobs as are included in Plan No. 5 and may be considered to fall most properly under her controul, that the Bubboo Begum should be allowed to conduct her repairs and that the remainder consisting of the apartments of the Walidah Begum the Seragho of His Highness the Nabob, some of the apartments of the deceased Nabobs included in Plan No. 5 not falling under the immediate superintendence of the Munnee Begum the building the Residence for the sons of His Highness the construction of the Kitchen Offices & Godown should be conducted under the orders & superintendence of the Nizamut Dewan or other Her Highness the Nabob's principal ministerial officer subject to check and controul as before described, and with exception to any of the objects comprized and included in No. 10, 11, 13, 14 & 15, of the heads enumerated in Colonel Kyds letter for which I may be successful in obtaining proposals of contract from Parties apparently unobjectionable if proposals should be made under the general notice and invitation I shall publish.

8. A Return of fever and Indisposition has prevented my drawing up this report earlier and the last three days have been occupied in paying my personal attentions to His Excellency the Commander in Chief and attending him in his visits as required by the Instructions received on the 13th Instant from the Persian Department.

9. Whilst penning this address I receive the answer of His Highness the Nabob to the letter written to him by the Right Hon'ble the Governor General on the 23d of May and I have the pleasure to forward it under cover herewith.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 21st July 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—In continuation of my Letter of Yesterday I have the honor to forward under cover herewith the answer of Her Highness the Munnee Begum to the Letter of the 23d of May last from the Right Honorable the Governor General.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 22d July 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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Francis Law Esqr.,
Judge & Magistrate of Zh. Jessore.

Sir,—I had the honor to write you on the 23d May announcing the appointment by His Highness the Nabob of Lalla Sohun Loll as a Serberakar to make the requisite enquiry and adjustment regarding some Rumnah Land claimed by His Highness, but to which certain Nelaumdars and others assert Pretensions.

2. Sohun Loll has been obliged to repair to Calcutta and is detained there in consequence of being summoned to give evidence before the Supreme Court I have in consequence at the Instance of the Nabob to request you will in the absence of Sohun Loll receive the Representations of Godadur Roy Vakeel appointed for this service and afford him such assistance in the discharge of his Duty as may be necessary and proper.

I have the pleasure to enclose for your Information Extract of a letter received from His Highness the Nabob on the subject of the Lands in question and remain Sir.—Your etc.

Moorshedabad, the 26th July 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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Edmund Parker Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Jessore.

Sir,—I had the honor to write to Mr. Digby as Acting Collector of Jessore on the 23d of May announcing &ca. exactly as in the letter of the 26th July entered on the other side to the Judge & Magistrate of Jessore.

Moorshedabad, the 26th July 1808.

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W. Armstrong Esqr.,
Collector of Kistnagur.

Sir,—In continuation of my Letter of the 23d of May I have the honor to enclose for your Information Extract of a letter from His Highness the Nabob on the subject of his contested Rumnah Lands and to request your

favorable attention as far as may be expedient and practicable to the Wishes the Nabob has expressed.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 26th July 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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John Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to forward to you the enclosed letters from their Highnesses the Nabob Mobarek oo Dowlah, the Munny Begum, the Bubboo Begum & the Walidah Begum in answer to those from the Right Hon'ble the Governor General which accompanied yours of the 11th Instant. His Excellency the Commander in Chief arrived here on the 16th and I had the honor on the 19th Instant to attend him in his visits to the Nabob & Bheguns and used every endeavor on my part to manifest to His Excellency every mark of respectful attention due to his Rank & station.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 26th July 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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Sir C. R. Blunt Bart.,
Magistrate of Zillah Beerbhoom.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward herewith for your Information copy of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob in answer to me I addressed him on the 26th of June in consequence of the receipt of yours to me of the 20th of that month.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 1st August 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have to report to you for the Information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General that I have received a letter from His Highness the Nabob advising me of the demise of Mirza Mahomed Hossain who received a pension of Rs. 14 pr. month in the Nizamut Department included in the allowances to the Akrahbah declared hereditary by the Resolutions of Government of the 3d September 1790.

His Highness recommends that the allowance of Rs. 14 above stated should devolve to Mirza Bubber Ally the son of the deceased Pensioner on which proposition I await the commands of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 1st August 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt on the 10th Ultimo of your letter of the 27th of June.

2. I wrote on the 20th of last month to Major Fleming requiring Information on the points stated in your letter as to the removal of the Rubbish lying contiguous to the Palace as early & with as much convenience & as little expense as possible, & respecting its being used in the construction of the intended Poostah or retaining Wall & calling upon him for an Estimate of the advance he should require for the purchase of Timber for the framework of this Poostah.

3. I have now the honor to enclose you a Copy of Major Flemings answer to my letter & of his estimate which accompanied it and I also transmit Extract of my letter to him because it appears necessary in explanation of his reasoning on the subject of the Extent of the proposed retaining Wall which I observe on reference to his second Estimate furnished under date the 7th April 1804 is to be 1,020 feet in length & will cost Rs. 1,83,960 notwithstanding what Major Fleming now states I am still very doubtful whether a work so extensive & expensive is immediately and indispensably requisite & I must here beg to refer you to the 6th Paragraph of my dispatch of the 12th of April 1804 when I transmitted Major Flemings rectified Plan & consequently enhanced Estimate I am still of opinion that more particular Information than has as yet been obtained is requisite ere so considerable an undertaking is commenced upon which may involve important consequences.

4. I have to request your attention to Major Flemings application that the Plan of the retaining Wall which accompanied his letter of the 7th April 1804 & my address to you of the 12th of the same month may be returned to him as early as convenient.

5. As Major Fleming speaks of an "intended Portico" to the Northward of the Palace Wing which he calculates will be at least 12 feet broad It is necessary I shall state in explanation that when I had the honor of attending His Excellency the Commander in Chief to visit His Highness the Nabob, the Nabob determined to receive General Hewett in the new building & have a breakfast table spread in one of the Rooms of the Wing of the Palace to save His Excellency the fatigue & trouble of going to Nishitbaug as the visits to the Begums made it necessary he should under any circumstance go to the Kellah. We were on this occasion all struck with the extreme awkwardness of the Entrance as the only admission is thro' a very small Door in the basement storey about five feet seven in height & narrow in proportion this is because under the original Plan the two Wings were to be connected with the centre or main body of the Palace by a corridor or long Gallery passing over an archway & there was to be no Entrance either to the second or Attic Stories of the Wings except from the Centre building thro' the corridors abovementioned. The Basement storey being only for officers & servants admission by small doors

of the dimensions I have described was deemed sufficient, but I need not observe how very incommodious such an Entrance is now that the Wing or portion of the Palace is become the whole building & is likely to remain so for an indefinite period & how very unsuitable it is to the dignity of the Incumbent & to the nature of the building itself. Colonel Kyd who was of the Party in attendance on the Commander in Chief in his Durbar visits observed that the thing required an immediate remedy & that nothing appeared so appropriate as to erect a Portico of moderate dimensions to the Northward with a double flight of steps as rending to the second storey of the Building & that a suitable Door of Entrance should be made in the northern Wall observing that the expense of such an alteration would be very inconsiderable & the Chief Engineer was so obliging as to promise me that he would write to Major Fleming on the Subject of this Erection & regarding the disposal of the Rubbish the clearing & levelling the Ground & other points connected with the building & future objects to be attended to which I conclude he has done from Major Flemings mentioning the Portico in the reasoning in the 4th Paragraph of his Letter touching the proposed extent of the Poostah. I shall immediately consult the Nabob & ascertain his pleasure regarding the removal of the old & ruinous buildings to the South East of the new Wing referred to by Major Fleming & shall be glad that he may as soon as convenient receive a small advance of Cash to enable him to commence on clearing away the Rubbish which obstructs the approach to the wing just finished. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 5th August 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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F. Gladwin Esqr.,
Commercial Resident at Patna.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th ultimo, duplicate of which was delivered by your Burdar.

The Salt Petre has been received by the Darogah of the Meersaumanee on the part of His Highness the Nawaub & turns out Mds. of 79-6 As. Sicca nine hundred & fourteen & eighteen Seers for which the receipt of the said Officer is enclosed.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 8th August 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—In continuation of the subject submitted in my despatch of the 5th Instant I have now the honor to forward for the Information & orders of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General copy of a letter from Major Fleming regarding the Portico proposed to be erected to the Wing of the Palace lately built.

2. The Nabob in answer to my enquiry touching the removal of old & ruinous buildings mentioned in my last wrote me that when the Weather permitted he wishes Major Fleming & me to accompany him to the Kellah to determine on the spot what may be most expedient to be done.

3. It occurs to me whilst speaking of the Kellah & buildings appertaining thereto to observe that the Chain of embankment immediately contiguous to the Kellah has always been kept up at the expense of the Nizamut and so well maintained that the River does not for a term of years appear to have made any material Impression nor do I apprehend any immediate danger of its doing so still if the building of the proposed retaining Wall should be abandoned or deferred or only partially adopted, it might be expedient to enjoin the Superintendent of Embankments to give his attention to the Bank of the River immediately adjacent to the new wing of the Palace & to use those measures of precaution adopted in all other Positions where danger of encroachment is apprehended, by applying a stout Girwarry if necessary or using any other mode of defence, the additional expense of which would not materially swell his aggregate of disbursement, whilst the incurring as heavy an expense as Rs. 1,84,000 for a retaining Wall thought necessary to protect a building which on the original Plan would have cost nearly Rs. 3,50,000 may perhaps be deemed not so indispensably or immediately requisite whilst the new Works do not amount to one fourth of that sum but this Circumstance is respectfully submitted to His Lordships Consideration & better judgement.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 11th August 1808.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affs.*

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T. F. Bevan Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—From the tenor of Instructions I have just received from the Secretary to Government in the Political Department it appears that the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council has resolved that one half of the Stipend of Rs. 1,000 p. mensem hitherto enjoyed by the Nabob Khulleel oolah Khaun & paid by you to his Agent Meer Abool Hussun shall be resumed altogether & in future applied to the general exigencies of the Nizamut in its ordinary disbursements. With respect to the application of the remaining half I have been directed to report what portion will be necessary for to defray certain expenses of the family here, after due provision for which, the remainder will be remitted to the British Resident at Bushire for the use of the Nabob Khulleel oolah Khan. From this arrangement it is evident that the Government do not intend that any further payment whatever on account of this Stipend Shall be made to Meer Abool Hossain which I have deemed it necessary immediately to state to you because it is possible His Lordships orders on this subject may not have been conveyed to you nor is it improbable that the official Communication to you may be deferred until the final arrangement is adopted in consequence of the

report in detail which I have been required to furnish. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 11th August 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—In further continuation of the subjects which I had the honor to report upon in my dispatches of the 5th & 11th Current I now forward copies of a letter this day addressed me by Major Fleming & of the Estimate which accompanied it as also the Plan & Elevation prepared by that officer. On these I have only to observe that the object appears one of pressing & indispensable necessity as there is not at present any decent or commodious Entrance to the building which tho' originally intended as a wing with Communication from the Centre division is now allotted as a complete Dwelling for Residence of the Nabob.

I take this opportunity of acknowledging the receipt on the 16th of your Commands of the 8th Instant which I lost not a moment in communicating by letter to His Highness, I have not heard from him an answer but I understand he proposes to delay occupying the apartment until the measures sanctioned by Government as specified in your letter of the 27th of June last for clearing away the Rubbish which impedes all facility of approach to the building shall have been executed by Major Fleming or such other person as may be authorized to do it on which Subject I respectfully await further orders under the references I have ventured to submit.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 19th August 1808.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affs.*

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T. F. Bevan Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,– Since I had the pleasure of writing you on the 11th Instant I have had personal Communication with Meer Abool Hossein on the subject of his application of the sums received during the last three years from your Treasury account the stipend of the Nabob Khulleel oolah Khan amounting to Rs. 36,000 whilst it appears by the Investigation made by the Persian Secretary under the orders of Government only Rs. 9,000 have been remitted to Ispahan Meer Abool Hossain professes Inability & certainly manifests disinclination to account for the difference for which reason I am induced in addition to the Intimation given in my last to repeat my request that no further sums may be allowed to pass thro' the hands of Meer Aubool Hossain in discharge of the stipend of the Nabob Khulleel oolah Khan until the final arrangement is concluded by Government regarding this Pension.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 23d August 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. Affs.*

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T. F. Bevan Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I received about ten days ago Intimation from the Secretary to Government in the Political Department that it had been resolved, with the View of relieving His Highness the Nabob, to find a certain portion of his Debts and to pay off immediately the principal and undischarged Interest on Bonds or obligations due from His Highness to Juggut Seat, Kissoree Sing, and Chunderbaun and I was informed that a remittance would be made to you of a sum sufficient to cover the amount due to the Parties abovenamed and that you would be authorized to discharge the debts due to them according to the statement which I should transmit to you.

2. It appeared needless to make up the statement of their Claims until I should be informed that the money was actually ready to discharge them because they will naturally expect to receive their Interest until the very day they are paid off, and on that Principle I am instructed to make up their accounts.

3. Understanding the Treasure has been received from Calcutta I have written to Juggut Seat, Kissoree Sing and Chunderbaun requiring them forthwith to attend me with their Vouchers and an account attested by the proper officer on the part of the Nabob to shew what intermediate payments have been made to any or all of them whether for principal or Interest since the account of their Claims was last submitted to Government and as I obtain this Information I shall furnish each Individual with a Letter to you stating the amount due to him made up to the day.

I request you will inform me whether you shall discharge such claims on the strength of my letter and statement together with the receipt of the Parties or if you expect that the Bond or original Documents on which the Claim is founded should be produced by the Party and deposited as a Voucher in your office, it must certainly be surrendered either to you or to me and in the event of your requiring it I shall take an attested copy of the Instrument for my own satisfaction to be deposited in my office.

Having just sent the requisite Intimation I conclude the claimants will be in attendance tomorrow or next day.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 29th August 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—In continuation of my Letter of the 19th Instant I have now the honor to forward for the Information of

the Right Hon'ble the Governor General Copy & Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob in answer to one I addressed him in pursuance of Instructions issued by you, notifying that the Wing of the Palace had been completed and was ready for His Highnesses reception.

2. Nothing has been done as yet towards levelling the Ground or removing the Rubbish which having been left by the Workmen obstructs the approach to the new building which I suppose may be owing to Major Fleming not having received the advance of Cash to enable him to enter on the job.

3. Major Fleming & I attended His Highness to the Kellah some days ago, when the Nabob pointed out the Dewan Khanah, Feringhy Delaun & other ruinous buildings which are delineated in Coll. Kyd's Plan of the Kellah & Premises, as Nuisances & Incumbrances which must be immediately removed. His suggestion was obviously proper as these edifices are in a state of such decay as to be even dangerous but on Major Flemings observing that no allowance had been made in any of the Estimates for removing these buildings His Highness said it should be done at the expense of the Nizamut from the fixed allowance for Emarut or Repairs of buildings.

I take this opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of your Letter of the 8th Instant enclosing Extract of a Communication from the Advocate General I lost no time in making known to the Nabob the Resolution which had been adopted by Government to purchase for his benefit the Ground in dispute with Juggaisur Bysack & received an answer from His Highness desiring I would express his grateful acknowledgements to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General for this additional Proof of his Friendship & attention to the Nabobs Comfort & accommodation.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 30th August 1808.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

Enclosure

Translation of a letter from His Highness the Nabob dated the 25th received on the 27th August.

Your Letter stating to me that, by the Report of the Gentlemen of the Committee (who came from Berhampore to inspect & examine the state of the new Building) to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General it appears the Work is completed & that therefore you had been instructed to acquaint me it was ready for my Reception & to desire I would order my People to take charge of it, has been received & its Contents are understood. Conformably to the Intimation received I have sent People to take Charge of the building but with respect to my taking up my abode there, I have to observe that as all the apartments are very small & confined, until the remaining Parts of the building proposed shall be completed I cannot make it my fixed Residence it is unequal to the reception of all my Furniture & Effects & would be very incommodious as a Dwelling therefore until the rest is built I propose to make Neishit Baug my principal Residence & to go occasionally to stay in this new Wing. Besides the Ground adjoining to the house which has been considerably disturbed by the Workmen whilst the building was carrying on has never been cleared or levelled & a considerable quantity of Rubbish is still remaining scattered in all Directions & until that is removed access to the building is difficult & inconvenient, the Right Hon'ble the Governor General issued orders that Major Fleming should clear & level the Premises & I could wish you to press Major Fleming to execute this Work. Moreover I have understood from you that the Right Hon'ble the Governor General proposes that a solid Embankment should be made by the River side by which a considerable accession of Ground & space will be obtained, as this Work will be attended with very heavy expense it occurs to me that the remaining Parts of the Palace were first completed it would put a speedy end to the inconvenience & unpleasantness of my Position with respect to Residence, & the building the Embankment may become an Object for consideration after the Palace shall be finished all which I could wish you to state to the Governor General on my part as I am satisfied he will accede to that which shall materially contribute to my Comfort & accommodation.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt on the 10th Instant of your dispatch of the 25th July & having on the 17th Instant received from the Persian Department the Letters referred to in the 7th Paragraph of your Commands, I lost no time in holding the Prescribed Communication with their Highnesses the Nabob & Begum touching the temporary arrangement which had been adopted for conducting the Affairs of the Nizamut & in the spirit of your letter I explained to their Highnesses the Principles on which such Plan had been resorted to.

2. The Nabob expressed Sentiments of Considerable disappointment & mortification that he should have been controulled in the Recommendation he had submitted, as well because he seemed to think his Choice was wholly unexceptionable, & of a nature to have induced beneficial consequences generally, as because it appeared to him that his consequence and dignity would materially suffer in the opinion of those immediately connected with his Durbar, to whom it was well known that he recommended a man, & with the Community at large when it should be promulgated that he had not been permitted to nominate to the vacant Situation of his first Ministerial Offices. His Highness pressed the matter upon my attention with great earnestness & in very considerable length of detailed explanation evidently with a view to induce me to prefer a further representation to Government previous to giving effect to the arrangement which had been prescribed, but on my assuring him that such procedure would be improper on my part & unavailing in its consequences he said that however unpalatable & distressing the measure was he should as he had always done on every former Occasion manifest a ready acquiescence & conformity to the wishes expressed by

Government (illegible) a full confidence that as the expedient was avowedly temporary at no very distant period his wishes respecting the active Superintendence & management of his affairs might meet with indulgent attention & that he should in his answer to the Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Governor General submit what appeared to him to be immediately necessary.

3. I have now the honor to forward under Cover herewith Letters from their Highnesses the Nabob & Munnee Bhegum in answer to those written by the Right Hon'ble the Governor General & received from the Persian Department on the 17th Instant when I waited on the Begum she expressed herself perfectly satisfied with the arrangement which had been adopted.

4. Not having as yet obtained full & satisfactory Information to enable me to report on the appropriation of the Stipend allotted on a reduced Scale to Khulleeloolah Khaun I crave Permission to make that the Subject of a separate Letter submitting on the present Occasion the expediency that Instructions should be sent to the Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad touching the Resumption adopted that he may issue in future Rs. 500 of Khulleeloolah's Pension to the Nabobs treasurer as being applicable to the general exigencies & disbursements of the Nizamut & withhold for the present any further advances to Meer Abool Hossein on whose receipts this Pension has lately been disbursed and I understand it has been paid up to the end of June. I have advised Mr. Bevan of the arrangement which Government have in contemplation regarding the appropriation of Khulleel oolah Khaun's Stipend as detailed in the 10th Paragraph of your Letter of the 25th July & have also informed him that in consequence of personal Communication recently had with Meer Aubool Hossein I have reason to think he has very improperly & insufficiently discharged his Trust as an Agent and that in my opinion no further Sums should be allowed to pass thro' his Hands in discharge of the Stipend in question until the arrangement in contemplation has been completed. The Collector informs me in answer that he does not consider himself authorized to withhold or refuse Payment should it be demanded by Meer Aubool Hossein unless Orders to that effect should be issued to him through the Secretary to Government.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 30th August 1808

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affrs.*

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T. F. Bevan Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In continuation of the subject of my letter of yesterday I have now the honor to send this by the hands of Chunderbaun one of the creditors of His Highness the Nabob, of the three directed to be paid off.

His claim amounts to	12,921- 9- 0
being balance of Principal due on his bond	11,950- 0- 0
Interest accruing made up to this date .	971- 9- 0
	Sa. Rs. 12,921- 9- 0

making together twelve thousand nine hundred and twenty one Rupees and nine annas. He has surrendered to me his original Bond and I have informed him he must execute to you a receipt in duplicate for the sum to be paid him.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 30th August 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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T. F. Bevan Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to send this letter by the hands of Lallah Ram Loll & Bauboo Bridjoo Loll Gomashtah & Agents for Juggut Seat whose claim on His Highness the Nabob Government have desired may be discharged in full.

On making up his account there appears to be due on the principal of his Bond .	Sa. Rs. 92,408-0- 0
Interest due thereon made up to this date .	924-2-19
	Sa. Rs. 93,332-2-19

making together ninety three thousand three hundred and thirty two Rupees, two annas & nineteen Gundahs which I request you will pay on his giving you his receipts in duplicate as his Bond has been surrendered to me.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 31st August 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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T. F. Bevan Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In continuation of the subject of my address of the 29th Instant I send this by the hands of Kissoree Sing one of the three creditors of His Highness the Nabob, whose claims are by Government directed to be paid off.

There is due to him on his Bond for Principal	Sa. Rs.	20,000
Interest for six months from the 1st of March to this date		1,200
	Sa. Rs.	21,200

making together twenty one thousand two hundred Sicca Rupees. His Bond is deposited with me I have informed him he must execute to you a receipt in duplicate for the sum that shall be paid him.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 1st September 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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Capt. Canning,
Commanding the Provincial Battalion at Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Having occasion to receive in deposit certain Jewels the property of His Highness the Nabob & to

retain them for a few days in my house until the pleasure of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General shall be made known to me regarding them & deeming my personal Guard wholly insufficient for the Protection of property so considerable valued at Sa. Rs. 2,50,000, I have to request you will supply me for the present with a Havildars Guard or such number of men as you may deem adequate to the Service. The Jewels will be deposited in a Chest in a room in my dwelling house and I think at least two Sentries should be allotted to Guard at night & day.—I am etc.

T. Pattle,
Agent for the Right Hon'ble the Govr. General.

Moorshedabad,
the 1st September 1808.

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Major General Palmer,
Commanding at Berhampore.

Sir, -Having occasion to receive in deposit certain Jewels valued at Sa. Rs. 2,50,000 the property of His Highness the Nabob & to retain them in my house for a few Days until I can receive Instructions from the Right Hon'ble the Governor General as to the mode of disposing of them ; & deeming my personal Guard (which consists of only *three* Sepoys) very insufficient for the protection of so valuable property I applied to Capt. Canning to supply me for the present with an Havildars Guard or such number of men as he might deem adequate to the Service required as the tenor of his general Instructions is that he should comply with all requisitions I may find it necessary to make to him for Guards or Escorts on any particular Occasion, I have this moment received Capt. Canning's answer pleading Inability to comply with my application & telling me he has not at present in his Lines a Single Sepoy fit for Duty. Under these Circumstances I have no resource but applying to you for Assistance on this emergency satisfied that you will afford it me if there should not exist any material Objection on public Grounds.—I have etc.

T. Pattle,
Agent to the Right Hon'ble the Govr. General.

Moorshedabad,
the 1st September 1808.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Depart.,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt on the 19th of your Letter of the 15th Ultimo on the Subject of the Adjustment to be made with certain Creditors of His Highness the Nabob.

2. It was needless to make up the accounts of the Claims of Juggut Seet, Kishoree Sing & Chunderbaun until I had ascertained from the Collector that he was possessed of the Funds to discharge my assignments in favor of the abovenamed who would claim Interest to the day notice of Payment was issued to them. Mr. Bevan advised me on the 29th that the Cash was derived, & I have in consequence given the Parties each a Letter to him containing a Statement of the Sums respectively due to them in discharge of the Obligations they hold Vizt.

Balance due to Juggut Seet on his Bond for Principal.		Rs. 92,408- 0- 0
Interest thereon unpaid .		924- 2-19
		93,332- 2-19
Balance due to Chunderbaun on Principal of a Bond	Rs. 11,950-0-0	
Interest due . . .	971-9-0	
		12,921- 9- 0
Balance due to Kishoree Sing on the Principal of his Bond . . .	Rs. 20,000-0	
Interest due . . .	1,200-0	
	—	21,200- 0- 0
		Sa.Rs. 1,27,453-11-19

making the whole amount issued by the Collector One Lac twenty seven thousand four hundred & fifty three Rupees eleven annas nineteen Gundahs. The three Original Bonds from the Nabob to these Men have been deposited with me, & discharges in full acknowledgements of Payment are endorsed thereon & subscribed whilst receipts in duplicate have been given to the Collector for his Payments, and Juggut Seet has delivered into any Possession the Jewels valued at Rs. 2,50,000 which were pledged with him as Security for the discharge of his Loan. The Keeper of the Jewels & other Officers on the part of His Highness attended with Juggut Seets People when the Seals on the Caskets were broken & the Contents inspected to ascertain their State & Condition on their passing from one to another Hand, they consist of a Cap or Turband, a Jeggah or ornament for the head of precious Stones, a Sabre and a very rich Belt for the same the whole appears to have received material Injury from having been kept for so long a term in damp Places without being occasionally expired [exposed?] to the air & many of the Stones are fallen from their Setting in consequence of being carried without too much Caution from place to place, & the Blade of the Tulwar is considerably corroded with Rust, the whole however is admitted by the Officers of the Nabobs Household to be in nearly the same Condition as when they were delivered to Juggut Seet. I request to be favored as early as may be practicable with the orders of Government touching the disposal of these valuables—and as my Guard of only three Sepoys is very insufficient for the Security of such a Charge I have applied to the Officer Commanding the Provincial Battalion for a stronger Party for the term they remain in my house.

3. In conformity to the 7 Paragraph of your Instructions I have had an Interview with the other Creditors of the old & New Loans specified in the enclosed Statement whose Debts amount to Rs. 2,26,378-14-5 without any calculation of Interest.

4. All the Parties enumerated except Nussur Ullah Khan the Son of Meer Soliman Khan have acceded to

the proffered Compromise & have agreed to accept the principal of their Loans in full Satisfaction of all Claims provided material Delay shall not occur in discharging them.

5. Nussur Ullah Khan represents that he cannot, without the express sanction of the house of Baretto & the acquiescence of other Merchants concerned (who advanced part of the Money supplied to the Nabob on Loan secured by a deposit of Jewels valued at Rs. 50,000) consent to a Compromise sacrificing so material a part of the Debts which he considers legally due & for reimbursement of which he looks as an ultimate resource to the Sale of the Jewels pledged. I have latterly had two personal Communications with Nussur Ullah on the Subject of his Claim & on the 29th Ultimo I received a Letter from him Copy of which I enclose in reply to one I had written desiring he would give me a decisive answer, because at our last Interview he had given me to understand that he daily expected to receive Instructions for his Conduct from Mr. Baretto I would respectfully submit, that it is not necessary on account of this one objecting Party to delay the adjustment with the rest whose impelling motive for acquiescence is evidently the comparative advantage of immediate payment as suggested in your Letter & therefore promised to them by me.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 1st September 1808.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

Statement of Debts outstanding against His Highness the Nabob Mobareck oo Dowlah exhibiting only the Principal of the Claims of the Creditors without any Calculation of Interest

To Meer Nassur Ullah Khan as Representative of his deceased Father Meer Solimaun Khan on bond	22,325- 0- 0
To the Minor Rajah heir of Rajah Looknaut deceased	32,000- 0- 0
To Mirza Buksh Ally as by Statement of Account made up in 1801 and attested by the Seal & signature of His Highness the Nabob	56,860- 0- 0
To Amber Ally Khan as Per account adjusted as in the preceding Item	18,068-14- 5
To Besumber on Bond in the name of Sookmun	48,000- 0- 0
To Besumber on Bond in his own name	24,000- 0- 0
To Ally Buksh on Bond	5,125- 0- 0
To Nekuddum on Bond	20,000- 0- 0
	2,26,378-14- 5

E. E.
T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

Moorshedabad,
the 1st September 1808.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—In continuation of the concluding Paragraph of my address of the 30 Ultimo I have now the honor to transmit under Cover herewith Copies & Translations of Letters received from their Highnesses the Nabob & Munnee Begum in answer to my enquiries of them made in conformity to the 11th Paragraph of your Commands of the 25th July as to the Sum that would be necessary for the Support of the infant daughter of Mirza Daood deceased Son of Khulleel-oolah Khan & for the maintenance of any Servants of the family whom it might be thought necessary to retain on the Establishment. From Conversation I had with His Highness the Nabob it does not appear to me to be his opinion that so large a Sum as one hundred Rupees is necessary to be allowed to Meer Aubool Hossein tho' His Highness had acquiesced in deference to the whishes & opinion of the Begum.

2. I have had Meer Aubool Hossein twice with me subsequent to the receipt of your Letter of the 25th July & I mentioned to him the Circumstance of only nine thousand Rupees having been remitted out of thirty six thousand received by him within the last three years, he appeared extremely confused & perplexed and pleaded Inability whilst he betrayed disinclination to render any particular account of the difference, he said generally that he had discharged many debts and expended large Sums in buildings & repairs and in purchase of Furniture & property for the family the most of which had he said been made away with by various dependents & others, I asked him to give an account in the gross of what property remained in houses, furniture, live or Dead Stock & he promised he would do so but has not performed it nor did I much expect he would & having no particular Instructions from you on the Subject I did not press him on these points but to enable me to form some Judgement of the Sum really necessary for the maintenance of the Infant & Pay of Servants retained I desired him to furnish an account of his present actual monthly expenditure & after many evasions & considerable delay he brought me a Statement of which a Copy & Translation is sent herewith. He represents this to be the scale of expenditure since April last that antecedent thereto the keep of an Elephant & two horses absorbed the apparent Surplus of Rs. 58 Per Mensem, but that having sold these animals early in May, the charge had ceased & the produce of the Sale was in his hands. It appears to me that independent of the Sum of Rs. 100 claimed for himself a very considerable portion of the Servants of the Household classed in the enterior department are Kept up principally if not solely on his account as noticed in the Statement. I should think Rupees one hundred & fifty would be fully sufficient for the support of this Infant & of any Servants of the family whom it may be deemed necessary & proper to retain, with respect to Meer Aubool Hossain I have but a very indifferent opinion of his Integrity & place very little confidence in the Statement he has furnished, or on the reports he makes ; but if Khullul-oolah Khan chooses to retain him as his Agent perhaps Government may not choose to interfere to dismiss him altogether, & if he is dismissed I know not who is to manage the Concern of the family unless the Nabobs brother Meer Munglee the eldest of His Highnesses brother would undertake the Charge & controul which perhaps he might consent to do—as Khullul-oolah's wife the mother of Mirza Daood was his full Sister & the Infant daughter I understand resides with her uncle which further evinces that such an Establishment as

Meer Aubool Hossein affects to keep up cannot be necessary. The Nabob Meer Munglee is a very respectable steady Character. The Nabob appears very indifferent about Aubool Hossein but the Begum appears desirous that he should be continued in the enjoyment of the Salary hitherto drawn which certainly becomes with its appendages a very heavy burthern upon Khullul-oolah's Pension on the reduced Scale, probably he would expect (& I think not unreasonably) that his Agent should Submit to reduction of Wages proportionate to the general Standard of retrenchment awarded to him but this is of course for the consideration of superior authority.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 2d September 1808.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

Enclosure No. 1.

Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob dated the 27th received on the 28th of August in answer to one from the Superintendent of Nizamut Affairs.

I have received your Letter stating that on account of deficiency in the established Funds of the Nizamut to provide for indispensable disbursements such as the allowances fixed for the Sahebzadahs & others it is necessary to seek some resource & that it appeared the Nabob Khullul-oolah Khaun had a manner separated & withdrawn himself from the Nizamut having gone to reside wholly at Ispahan since which his Wife & his Son had both died, therefore a Resumption of part of his allowance for the purpose in question appeared reasonable & expedient in the opinion of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General & that it had been discovered that Khullul-oolahs Son Mirza Daood had left an Infant daughter begotten on a Slave Girl for whose Support some provision was necessary & therefore you enquire of me what Sum will be adequate for that purpose. Sir, I went myself to Her Highness the Munnee Begum to consult her on this point she is of Opinion that Rs. 200 will be wanted for the Maintenance of the Infant & for other expenses & that the Same Sum should be allowed to the Nabob Khullul-oolah Khan & one hundred Rupees be allotted as a Pension for Mirza Aubool Hossein & that the remaining Rs. 500 shall be assigned to supply deficiency of assets for the general disbursements of the Nizamut—as the general Care & Interests of the Nizamut are under the immediate protection of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General I request you will report this matter to His Lordship that whatever he deems most proper may be carried into effect.

Enclosure No. 2.

Translation of a Letter from Her Highness the Munnee Begum dated the 30th received on the 31st of August.

I have received your Letter stating (here the Substance of my Letter is recited nearly verbatim as it is written in the letter from the Nabob of which a Translate accompanies) and adding that whatever may be thought proper to be sent to the Nabob Khullul-oolah Khaun will be remitted immediately to him thro' the British Resident at Bushire—Sir, of one thousand Rupees allowed the Nabob Khullul-oolah Khan the half has been resumed of the remaining half Rs. 200 appear necessary for the Support & maintenance of the Child of Mirza Daood & also one hundred Rupees as an allowance to Mirza Aubool Hossein who has for a long period received at that rate the balance Rs. 200 may then be remitted thro' the Resident Bushire.

Enclosure No. 3.

Translation of Statements delivered by Meer Aubool Hossein of the monthly expenditure of one thousand Rupees received by him as Agent or Moktarkar of the Nabob Khullul oolah Khan.

Pay of old & established Servants for the interior		
1 Khansamah Bartchoo	12- 0- 0	
1 Nekuddum a Concubine Of Khullul oolah Khan	7- 8- 0	
4 Women Servants @ 3	12- 0- 0	
1 Nurse for the Child	4- 0- 0	
1 Derwan	3- 0- 0	
1 Agah mamah	10- 0- 0	
1 Water Carrier	3- 8- 0	
1 Matrannee	2- 8- 0	
1 Washerman	3- 0- 0	
1 Dhye	7- 8- 0	65- 0- 0
Men Servants or those employed in the exterior Department		
Meer Aubool Hossein	100- 0- 0	
*Mussur Ally Khansamah	20- 0- 0	
*Moonshee Punnaw	15- 0- 0	
*Sheo Dyal Mohrir	10- 0- 0	
*Mahomed Jaffer Darogah of buildings	7- 8- 0	
Owleea Begum Great aunt of Khullul oolah Khan	5- 0- 0	
*7 Sepoys	27- 9- 0	
*6 Bearers	18- 8- 0	
*1 Ferash	3-10- 0	
*2 Gurreewallahs	5- 0- 0	
1 Peon	3- 0- 0	
1 Darwan	2- 8- 0	
1 Bheesty	3- 0- 0	
*3 Gardeners	8- 0- 0	
*1 Chubdar	3- 8- 0	
1 Peon to watch the Tomb	2- 8- 0	
*4 Readers of the Koran	11-12- 0	
1 Shroff	1- 0- 0	
*1 Bullock Driver	2-12- 0	
1 Mahter	2- 8- 0	
1 Slave	4- 0- 0	256-11- 0
		321-11- 0
Remittance to Ispahan monthly		350- 0- 0
Purchase of Clothes & expenses of a Contingent nature		36-12- 0
For Sundries of which no particular or explanation is offered or can be given		233- 8- 5
		941-15- 5
Surplus remaining of the monthly Stipend		58- 0-15
	Sa. Rs.	1,000- 0- 0

N.B.—Where this mark is affixed* I think the Servant retained is rather for the accommodation of Aubool Hossein than requisite for the Infant or Kept for the family duty.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—In continuation of the Subject matter of my Letter of the 21st July I have now the honor to enclose for the purpose of its being submitted to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General Copy of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob with its Translation.

2. In the course of my late Official Visits to the Kellah I have had Occasion to observe that the ruinous buildings inhabited by the Females of the deceased Nabobs have during the last heavy rains suffered further material dilapidation, and that the Position of the several incumbents had in consequence become irksome in the most extreme degree, and the Clamors of their females and dependents were loud and pressing urging me to afford them without further delay the relief which they had before understood the Government had resolved to grant to their distresses Her Highness the Bubboo Begum was very urgent on this Score and even the Munnee Begum expressed an anxious desire to see some preparations made for commencing the Work so soon as the Rains should subside, to Her Highness I took the Liberty of observing that the delay had been owing to demur and difficulty suggested by her when she desired I would say she was ready to acquiesce in the arrangement proposed.

Altho' I have given every practicable degree of Publicity to the Intentions expressed by Government to erect Certain buildings in the Kellah for the Accommodation of the Nabob's Son's and for Certain necessary Offices for the use of His Highness himself no proposals of contract have to this time been tendered from any quarter and when the Ultimate Orders are issued to me on this Subject I wish to learn if it is thought advisable that I should send appropriate advertisements to be insisted in the Calcutta Gazette and other Newspapers. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 5th September 1808.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

Enclosure

Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob dated the 4th received on the 5th of September 1808.

Sometime ago I addressed the Right Hon'ble the Governor General regarding building and repairing the Habitations of Sundry Females in the Zenanah with the View that he might permit them to be commenced upon immediately as the Rains should subside. At this moment their Highnesses the Begums and all the Women resident in the Mehal Serai and its appendages sustain much and serious Inconvenience. The Season of the Rains is nearly elapsed, and unless timely provision is made of Stores and Materials for building two or three months prior to commencing on the work, the building must be delayed & interrupted therefore I request you would submit this to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General and obtain his Sanction for commencing on the Works proposed that Materials may be collected and the necessary preparations may be made.

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T. F. Bevan Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In answer to your Letter of the 17th Instant I have the honor to inform you that Mr. Rocke paid two hundred & twenty Rupees Per Month rent of the house at Nishaut Baugh now inhabited by the Nabob & that His Highness entered on the Occupancy thereof on the 16th of February last.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 19th September 1808.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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T. F. Bevan Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In a Letter under date the 12th Instant, from the Secretary to Government in the Political Department I am informed that Funds will be immediately remitted to you to the extent of Rs. 1,49,507-10-4 to enable you, together with a balance Rs. 22,546-4-1 remaining in your hands of a former remittance to discharge certain further Claims on His Highness the Nabob to the amount of Rs. 1,72,053-14-5.

Under this Information I purpose an application shall be made by the Creditors to give in the first Instance assignments upon you to the extent of the balance in hand as above stated, and to defer payment to the bulk of the Creditors until I shall receive Information from you that the Accountant General has supplied the Funds wanted to complete the full Payments.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 20th September 1808.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nizt. Affs.

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George Ritso Esqr.,
Acting Superintendent of Embankments for the Division of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Government having, at least a time, abandoned their Intention of constructing in front of the new Palace built for the Nabob's Accommodation, a retaining Wall which was by being advanced 64 feet within the bed of the River to have answered the double purpose of securing the new buildings and of gaining a considerable space of Ground, have directed their attention to those measures of precaution which may be immediately necessary for the Security of the Embankment generally in front of the Premises comprised in the Kellah & adjacent thereto, & have desired me to enquire of you whether this Embankment has hitherto formed a portion of that generally under Capt. Parlby's & your Charge

& consequently if the expense of repairs thereto have hitherto been borne by Government I am not certain nor can I readily discover by reference to the accounts whether the Bank of the River from the large Gateway North of the Eynah Mehal extending to the Southern boundary of the Premises attaching to the Kellah or dependent thereon have hitherto been repaired at the expense of the Nizamut or included in your detail of disbursements on which head I have to request general Information & at the same time to state to you that under any Circumstances it is the Intention of Government that the portion of Embankment on the Eastern Side of the river as above described shall in future be considered under your Charge, & that for the Security of the new building and the preservation of the Premises generally appertaining to the Kellah you should use these measures of precaution adopted in all other positions where danger of encroachment may be apprehended making due provision in your general estimate for any expense that may be required for such purpose & reporting on the Subject as may be necessary either to the Committee or to me.

There is at this moment on the premises adjoining the new building a quantity of old bricks & Rubbish which it is thought may be disposed of to advantage by being applied where most required to strengthening the bank of the river adjoining to the Kellah & I shall be glad to have your opinion on this Suggestion.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 20th September 1808.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affrs.*

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Major General Palmer,
Commanding at Berhampore.

Sir,—The Service having been performed for which you was so obliging as to afford me on the 1st Instant the Assistance of a Havildar & twelve Sepoys I now return the Party herewith and with my best acknowledgements for your ready Compliance with my request. —I have etc.

T. Pattle, *Agent to the Right Hon'ble the Govr. Genl.*

Moorshedabad, the 22d September 1808.

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T. F. Bevan Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I am informed by a Letter from Mr. Secretary Edmonstone of date the 12th Instant that Funds will be immediately remitted to you to enable you to discharge certain Debts Still outstanding against His Highness the Nabob to the extent of Rs. 1,72,053-14-5 under assignments to be issued by me, & as the Letter further states that you have at present in hand Rs. 22,546 applicable to the purpose abovementioned. I have given this Letter to one of the Creditors named Shaik Nekuddum who has delivered to me the Nabob's bond for the Principal Sum of twenty thousand Sicca Rupees, which he has consented to receive in full Satisfaction of his Claim, and I have to request that you will pay him that amount accordingly.

I shall defer giving assignments to any other of the Creditors until I shall be favored with Information from you that you have received from the Accountant General the Funds further requisite to enable you to liquidate the full amount of the Debts claimed.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 23d September 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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T. F. Bevan Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—By a Communication from the Secretary to Government under date the 12th Instant I am directed to consult His Highness the Nabob on the Subject of a Retrenchment to be made from his Khullumdan Khanah or Privy Purse to the extent of Rs. 3,500 monthly in order to provide for the payment of Interest & for the gradual liquidation of the principal Sum advanced lately, & still issuing from Government for the liquidation of his private Debts, for the purpose of ascertaining whether it meets the wishes & approbation of His Highness that the Sum in question should be at once withheld monthly in your Office when the Stipend is issued to his Treasurer or whether he prefers a repayment of that monthly Sum after having received the full amount of his Privy Purse money.

The Nabob has promised to write to me on the Subject but in the meantime by a personal Communication I have had with him I am enabled to State to you that it is very evident the mode of a monthly Stoppage in the first Instance in your Department would by His Highness be deemed very objectionable.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 26th September 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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Major Fleming at Berhampore.

Sir,—Having as I informed you I should, lately addressed Government on the Subject of levelling the Ground & removing the Rubbish about the Wing of the Palace lately erected for the accommodation of His Highness the Nabob, and having stated that the Nabob was anxious this Work should be completed as early as practicable, adding that as I had written on this head before and the Right Hon'ble the Governor General had determined full three months ago that this removal should take place I concluded as it had not been commenced upon it must be owing to your not having received the promised advance of Cash to enable you to enter on the Job I have been directed by the Secretary to Government in the Political Department to call upon

you to furnish an (torn) of the amount which will be required for this purpose stating the advance which will be necessary to enable you to (torn) I must suppose that Government are aware that you did in answer to my requisition of the 20th July transmit me on the 30th of that month a statement of money wanted for the commencement for raising and levelling the Ground &ca. taken at Rs. 7,226 being about one third of the amount of your Estimate of the 7th April 1804 for 17,34,360 Cubic feet of Earth to be excavated and filled with sand from the River and to be covered with its original Earth so as to raise the whole seventy two feet at 1.4 Per feet making a sum of Rs. (torn) 678-8 but this they probably apprehend to be connected with the business of the retaining wall an object which for the present it best appears to be wholly abandoned. The Work now to be performed I conceive to be merely levelling the premises attaching to the Palace from the access by (torn) gateway to the River side and (torn) Ground adjoining to the new building and [re]moving all the bricks & Rubbish which are (torn) scattered in various direction, but in (torn) now called for you will be pleased to state in detail the nature and extent of the service to be performed.

I am informed that it is the Intention of Government that the pulling down the Dewan Khana (illegible) Delawr and other ruinous buildings (delineated in Coll. Kyd's general plan of the Kellah & premises as (illegible, and Incumbrances which should be immediately removed) should be performed by the Nabobs people and at the expense of the Nizamut.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 26th September 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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T. F. Bevan Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I received a Letter from the Secretary to Government in the Political Department of date the 12th instant I am directed to enquire of you and to report for the Information of Government to what period you may have issued the Stipend of the Nabob Khulleel Oollah Khaun that they may give the necessary Instructions regarding the disbursement at (illegible) of short (illegible) of the stipend on the reduced scale which is in future to be remitted to Ispahan, and also to enable me to write in detail of Information to Khulleel Oolah Khan.

2. Mr. Secretary Edmonstone informs me that His Lordship in Council has determined that Meer Aubool Hossein should henceforward be entirely excluded from the Charge of Khulleel Oollah Khauns family and that no part of the stipend should in future be paid to him With respect to the appropriation of the stipend under the arrangement which has now been adopted I am desired to communicate with you and to name the person who shall be authorized from my Office to receive that portion (Rs. 200 per mensem) which has been allotted for the maintenance of Khulleel Oolah Khan's Grandchild and of such part of the family as remain at this City on this head I shall be prepared to address you soon after the Holidays.

3. I am further informed that Instructions will be immediately issued to you to pay the sum of Rs. 500 part of the stipend of the abovenamed regularly to the Treasure of His Highness the Nabob for the purpose of its being applied to the general exigencies & disbursements of the Nizamut from the month following that for which the full amount of Khulleel Oolahs pension was last issued and to carry the remaining Rs. 300 Per mensem to the Credit of Government.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 26 September 1808.

T. Pattle, *Supdt. Nizt. Affrs.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 9th Instant.

2. Mirza Bubber Ally appears on enquiry to be the elder of two surviving sons of the deceased Mirza Mahomed Hossein, there are also two daughters, who will, of course, share with their brothers in the pension of Rs. 14 Per mensem, which, devolving from their Parent, has been allotted for their common support.

3. Any report I may have occasion to make on the Subject of casualties occurring in that Class of Pensioners declared hereditary by the Resolutions of the 3d September 1790 shall be framed on the principle laid down in your Instructions.

4. With respect to the enquiry made in the concluding paragraph of the letter of the 9th Instant touching the Representation of Syed Fuzil Ally Khaun on my enquiring of the Nabob & his immediate officers as to the rule which had generally obtained for the distribution of hereditary Pensions His Highness said he had always considered the right vested in himself & had exercised it as occasion required, but the result of Information under more general enquiry induces a belief that tho' the Nabob may in some Instances have been consulted the common practise which obtained was for the immediate descendants of the deceased to assemble after an hereditary pension devolving had been by Government assigned to the next heir, and to agree amongst themselves as to the detail of distribution in appropriate shares, and it was in most Instances so arranged conclusively, but in the event of any difference of opinion in the family reference was had to the deceased Roy Monick Chund and his award was deemed final this appears to have been the system ever Since 1790 and in this manner the arrangement was made amongst the Heirs of Khauaun Ally Khaun—Syed Fuzil Ally affects to say that he was indisposed when the distribution was made, and therefore he did not get an adequate share, but this is denied by his brother & the other branches of the family who contend that the distribution was not merely equitable but made with his Concurrence. It appears he now receives of the Rs. 300 in his own right Rs. 29-2-13 from the share of Delawur Ally Khaun deceased Rs. 5 and from that of Potie Begum Rs. 2 altogether Rs. 36-2-13. The Widow of Meer Delawur Ally is living & has remained with

Syed Reza Ally own brother of her deceased husband, and half brother of Syed Fazil Ally—Potie Begum daughter of Punnah Begum who is the Sister of Fuzil Ally Khaun had a share of Rupees 10-15 of this Fuzil Ally now get two Rupees and Punnah Begum receives the balance Rs. 8-15 for her support and that of four daughters Hoormutulnessa the mother of Fuzul Ally received Rs. 9-6-0-2 she died subsequent to my report of the 1st July and her allowance has been mortgaged & alienated for 34 months ensuing her decease to defray expense of her funeral and religious ceremonies observed, and to be performed.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 30th September 1808.

T. Pattle, *Supdt. Nizt. Affrs.*

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T. F. Bevan Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In continuation of my letter of the 26th Ultimo I have the honor to inform you that the Nabobs eldest brother Meer Munglee has in accordance with the wishes of Government agreed to undertake the Charge & management of the Family of Khulleel Oollah Khaun in consequence of which I have to request that you will pay him the arrears at the rate of Rs. 200 per mensem from the 1st of July and also the same sum monthly on his receipt that sum being the amount allotted of the stipend on the reduced scale for the maintenance of a Grandchild of Khulleel Oolah Khaun and of ascertain Establishment to be retained at Moorshedabad.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 4th October 1808.

T. Pattle, *Supdt. Nizt. Affrs.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—On the receipt of your Letter of the 12th Ultimo I lost no time in making the requisite Communication to the Nabob Syed Murtezah Khaun in the spirit of the 12th Paragraph of your Instruction of date above quoted.

2. I have now the honor to submit for the Information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General Copy & Translation of a letter received on the 2d Instant from the Nabob Saidoo which recites the Substance of what I wrote him & his Sentiments thereon.

3. Adverting to Syed Murteza Khan's Situation & his infirm state of Mind as well as body I conceive there is little chance of making him hear reason, or conform to what his Situation & the great distress of his large family so very imperiously requires, nay I am credibly informed that under the order that has been issued to deduct monthly Rs. 500 from his Stipend commencing from the 1st September notwithstanding his very urgent distress & total privation of resource he will decline receiving his Stipend under that deduction lest he should be thought to fail in his Engagements to those Merchants who have supplied & still do administer to his Wants from time to time taking Security by anticipation of his Salary bills.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 5th October 1808.

T. Pattle, *Supdt. N. A.*

Enclosure

Translation of a Letter from the Nabob Syed Murteza Khaun Behader dated 25th September received on the 2d October 1808.

After the usual Compliments I have received your Letter stating that "conformably to my request you had written to Government touching my receiving in one Lump the amount allotted for the Repairs of my dwelling, & conducting said repairs on my own Plan at my own discretion & as to the deduction from my Stipend at the rate of only Rs. 500 P. mensem, & that the Right Hon'ble the Governor General had been pleased to direct that the Work should be conducted under your Superintendence by Persons selected & appointed by you, but that His Lordship had in his indulgent Consideration to my Situation & Circumstances determined & consented that the deduction from my Stipend should be only Rs. 500 Per mensem to take effect from the 1st of September 1808 & that Orders had been issued to the Collector to make deduction accordingly until the sum of Rs. 25,800 should be redeemed to which effect you deemed it necessary to give me Information, that duly considering the whole & fully conforming to the Intentions of the Governor General I might give the necessary explanation to my Creditors of my position in consequence & might address you to send the proper Workmen to be employed on the repairs. Sir I have before fully stated my Situation to you and explained my confident hope that in consideration of the great friendship which subsisted between the Company & my Grandfather the Nabob Jaffeer Ally Khaun & my Father the Nabob Mahomed Saudak Khaun Behader in this moment of extreme embarrassment I should experience some decided mark of their Liberality and Generosity. I have been informed that the Repairs required for the dwelling of the Munnee Begum, of His Highness the Nabob, of the Bubboo Begum & of other Begums connected with the Nizamut to a very considerable amount will be defrayed at the expense of the English East India Company. You will consider that these illustrious Personages receive very large allowances in money exclusive of provision made for their necessary expenses & that I find the greatest difficulty to support a large Family with a consequent numerous Establishment. In my Infancy Rs. 5,000 monthly was allotted for my Support & Education, now that I am the father of a numerous Progeny my allowance is only Rs. 4,000 Per mensem besides which, I am incumbered with a heavy load of Debts thus circumstanced I anxiously hoped the portion of favor & Benevolence granted to me would exceed in its extent that dispenced to other, now that Rs. 25,800 are to be advanced without Claim of Interest I consider as a Proof of His Lordships favor & protection under Your representation of my Position, but in the unfortunate Predicament on which I find myself

this measure of Indulgence does not afford me suitable relief for if from the 1st of September 1808 five hundred Rupees be withheld monthly from my allowances, my Engagements with those Merchants to whom my Receipts for my monthly Stipend are mortgaged until the month of November 1809 will be vitiated & my faith broken & I must fall into so great discredit that no one will in future have any dealings with me, therefore if the sum could be advanced to me at once the necessary Repairs to my Dwelling might be effected besides which the Artificers & Workmen you would depute & employ are unacquainted with my usages & Occasions & thro' them the Work will never be conducted to my Satisfaction, which will be to me an additional Source of anxiety & Suffering, therefore I cannot reconcile it to my understanding that I shall derive any essential advantage by accepting the Relief on those terms on which alone it has been tendered to me, & as you write me that the assumption of Rs. 500 as the amount to be deducted from my monthly Stipend is a proof of the Favor & indulgent protection extended to me by the Right Hon'ble the Governor General I am therefore hopeful that if you will once more represent my Situation to His Lordship he will graciously accede to my Wishes in their full extent & will order the sum allowed to be paid to me at once, & permit me to carry on the proposed repairs under my own Guidance & Controul & as you are fully acquainted with my Situation you will enforce my Suit by such representation as you shall deem appropriate, & will thereby complete the good work you so Kindly entered upon.

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T. F. Bevan Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Conformably to the Instructions of Government under date the 12th of September I have the honor to send this by the hands of Besumber Dhur one of the Creditors of His Highness the Nabob who has surrendered to me the Nabob's Bond for the Sum of twenty four thousand Rupees which amount you will be pleased to discharge on his giving his receipts in the usual form.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 8th October 1808.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nizt. Affrs.

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T. F. Bevan Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Conformably to the Instructions of Government under date the 12th of September I have the honor to send this by the hands of Mirza Ally Buksh one of the Creditors of His Highness the Nabob who has surrendered to me the Nabob's Bond for the Sum of five thousand one hundred & twenty five Rupees which amount you will be pleased to discharge on his giving his receipts in the usual form.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 8th October 1808.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nizt. Affrs.

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T. F. Bevan Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Conformably to the Instructions of Government under the 12th of September I have given this Letter to Mirza Buksh Ally one of the Creditors of His Highness the Nabob his Claim amounts to the Sum of fifty six thousand eight hundred & sixty Rupees for which he has deposited a Voucher with me & I have to request you will pay him that Sum on his giving the usual receipts or sending them by any person duly authorized to receive the amount on his behalf.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 8th October 1808.

T. Pattle,
Supt. N. Affrs.

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T. F. Bevan Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Conformably to the Instructions of Government under date the 12th of September I have given this letter to Amber Ally Khaun one of the Creditors of His Highness the Nabob his Claim amounts to the Sum of eighteen thousand & sixty eight Rupees fourteen annas five Gundahs for which he has deposited a Voucher with me & I have to request you will pay him that Sum on his giving the usual receipts or sending them by any person duly authorized to receive the amount on his behalf.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 8th October 1808.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—In continuation of my Letter of the 5th Instant I have now the honor to Submit for the Information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General Copy & translation of a letter received yesterday evening from the Nabob Syed Murteza Khaun Behader & have only to add that I am informed the Party to whom his Stipend receipt for last month was sold declined giving up the Nabob Saidoos acknowledgements for 4,000 Rs. which the Collector claimed the right to withhold Rs. 500 in part thereof ; & as the Nabob has, it appears by his letter to me of the 25th September (Copy of which accompanied my last address) anticipated & mortgaged his receipts of Stipend for the term of the fourteen next ensuing months, this difficulty will occur each time the tender of Rs. 3,500 shall be made to the mortgagee in payment of a receipt for the full Sum of four Thousand Rupees.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 11th October 1808.

T. Pattle,
Supt. N. A.

Enclosure

Translation of a Letter from the Nabob Syed Murteza Khaun Behader received on the 10th of October 1808.

I have already written you in full detail of explanation regarding the Sum of Rs. 25,800 proposed to be advanced for the repairs of my dwelling, & you have informed me that you have reported on the Subject to Government & that you expect to receive orders in consequence, which have not as yet reached you & under expectation thereof I have not yet made application for any part of the Sum to be advanced, but Mr. F. Bevan the Collector has retained in his hands Rs. 500 part of my Stipend for September, & has tendered to the Merchants only Rs. 3,500 on that account. By this measure my dealings are interrupted & my Credit Shaken with the Merchants therefore I trouble you to instruct Mr. Bevan to suspend for the present this attachment of a portion of my Stipend hereafter when I shall avail myself of the Advance offered to me such deduction may be made.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose for the Information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General Copy & translation of a letter received this day from His Highness the Nabob Mobarek oo Dowlah.

By the verbal explanation given by the Officers of the Nizamut it would appear that the Land claimed by His Highness as allotted for the purpose of a suitable spot for building & repairing boats is close adjoining, & connected with that Land advertised for Sale, formerly held by Royal tenure, & His Highness is apprehensive that if it should by mistake be made over to the Nelammdar much difficulty would occur in obtaining the subsequent surrender thereof.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 11th October 1808.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nizt. Affrs.

Enclosure

Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob dated 10th October 1808.

After the usual compliments, I have been informed that the Board of Revenue have sent Orders to the Collector of Dacca to put up to Sale a certain portion of Land which formerly was allotted to the purpose of Royal Workshops & Store houses. For a very considerable term of years Narandeah & Sundrungers have been places alloted for building & repairing the boats appertaining to the Nizamut & I am apprehensive that these may be included with other Land of the description above stated & be put up to Sale which will occasion great Inconvenience & Interruption in the building & repairs of boats for the Nizamut, & other land equally adopted for the purpose with that which has been so long appropriated thereto will not easily be found ; therefore I address you to request you will represent the Circumstance to Right Hon'ble the Governor General praying that we may not be disturbed in the Possession of Land which has so long been in the Occupancy of the Nizamut.

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T. F. Bevan Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In continuation of my Letter of the 26th Ultimo I have now the honor to inform you that His Highness the Nabob has made known to me his Intention of availing himself of the option afforded him by Government as to the mode of acceding to the retrenchment of Rs. 3,500 from his Privy Purse to provide for the liquidation of his Debts. He proposes on the Issue of his monthly Stipend to send that sum regularly to me that I may pay it on his account into your Treasury in conformity therewith he has this day sent me Rs. 3,500 for September which I now forward to you herewith & request to be furnished with your acknowledgement for the same in the usual form.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 12th October 1808.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nizt. Affrs.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I had on the 23d the honor to receive your Letter of date the 12th Ultimo on the Subject of the partial resumption of the Stipend of Mirzah Khulleel Oolah Khaun & the consequent arrangement in appropriation of the remainder.

2. I took the earliest opportunity the Intervention of the Holidays afforded to hold personal Communication with the Nabob Meer Munglee who very readily agreed to undertake the charge of the Grandchild and family of Khulleel Oolah Khaun, I in consequence advised the Collector the Nabob Meer Munglee was authorized to receive on that Account two hundred Rupees monthly together with the arrear of three months which has accumulated since the last Payment was made to Meer Aubool Hossain altho' under the Orders issued Meer Aubool Hossain is in future to be considered as excluded from the charge of Khulleel oolah Khauns family still he must I suppose retain the Possession which he holds of the family dwelling house, furniture effects & live & dead Stock as he was put in charge by Khulleel Oolah Khaun he will not surrender them except by Orders from him and the Nabob Meer Munglee tho' own brother to Khulleel Oolah Khauns deceased wife has no authority to demand them the House is I am informed in a state of dilapidation altho' Aubool Hossain charged large Sums expended on repairs.

3. The Collector in answer to my enquiry informed me under date the 26th Ultimo that Khulleel Oolah

Khauns Stipend had been issued to Aubool Hossain for the month of June last from which period under the Instructions he had received the new arrangement for the future appropriation of that Stipend would take place. I have written a letter to Khulleel Oolah Khaun as enjoined by the 7th Paragraph of your Commands fully apprizing him of the arrangement which has been adopted & I will forward it to you immediately as I shall receive a Letter which His Highness the Nabob proposes to write to Mirzah Khulleel Oolah on the Occasion. I have also communicated to Her Highness the Bhegum the arrangement which has been ultimately adopted & the Grounds for discontinuing any further payments to Meer Aubool Hossain the Begum made no remark except expressing that if Aubool Hossain was dismissed altogether he would be she apprehended distressed for means of Subsistence.

4. It occurs to me that I ought not to dismiss this Subject without reporting a Circumstance which in consequence of mention made of it by the Nabob Meer Munglee & some of the Nizamut Omlah has at this time attracted my attention Besides the Sum of one thousand Rupees Per mensem which Aubool Hossain received as the personal Stipend of Khulleel Oollah Khaun as Son-in-law of the late Nabob Mobarekul Dowlah he has also received for the last fourteen or fifteen years the allowance of Rs. 100 Per month which is entered in Page 4 of No.1 of the Appendix to the Committees report as an allowance to the Mother of Mirza Julill the Widow of Shahzadah Daood, forming part of the detail of an allowance of Rs. 1,200 issuing to the family of Shahzadah Daood, which is amongst the Pensions declared to be hereditary by the Resolutions of Government of the 3d September 1790. The Incumbent or the Mother of Mirza Julill or as she is now said to be the Mother of Khulleel Oolah Khaun is reported to have accompanied her Son to Persia & if at this time alive is still there. On requiring explanation of Meer Aubool Hossain on this point he states that he received this Pension also under authority from Khulleel Oolah Khaun & that it formed part of his general receipts & disbursements & was included in the remittances made to Ispahan. I await the Instructions of Government whether Aubool Hossain is to continue to draw this allowance or whether it shall be remitted to Khulleel Oolah Khaun with the 300 Rupees already allotted or be resumed altogether & made applicable to the general purposes & expenses of the Nizamut. Notwithstanding these ample resources in the hands of Aubool Hossain the Servants on the Establishment of the family of Khulleel Oolah Khaun are clamorous for arrears of Wages due to the extent of upwards of Rs. 700.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 12th October 1808.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I had the honor to receive on the 20th your letter of the 12th of last month, conveying to me the ultimate Instructions of Government on the Subject of the liquidation of the Claims of certain Creditors of His Highness the Nabob, & shall very shortly be able to report fully with respect to the execution of the orders issued to me ; at this moment I have to represent that having made known to the Nabob, that a deduction would be made monthly from his privy purse to the extent of Rs. 3,500 in order to discharge the Interest accruing on the advance made on his account to his Creditors & also for the gradual liquidation of the principal of the Debts His Highness desired me to state for the Information of the Right Honorable the Governor General that he had cherished a sanguine hope & expectation that under the existing embarrassments of the Nizamut to provide resources for expenses indispensably necessary & unavoidable, a requisition would for the present only be made of such Sum as should suffice exactly to cover the Interest at the rate of 8 Per Cent p. annum on the gross amount paid by Government to his Creditors & that the liquidation of the principal of the Debt would not be required of him until in the ordinary course of Occurrences, & events probable and to be expected, resources might fall in which being appropriated would rapidly clear off the whole Demand and this His Highness earnestly desired me to submit respectfully to the attention & Consideration of the Governor General, but at the same time to evince his readiness to conform promptly to any measure which might be suggested by His Lordship he should on the receipt of each months Stipend so long as the Resolution adopted remained unrevoked, send me three thousand four hundred Rupees to be paid into the Collectors treasury *by me*, and carried to the Credit of his Account, any positive stoppage in the first Instance on the Issue of the Stipend by the Collector His Highness observed would be highly objectionable & very derogatory to his personal consequence and that the mode most congenial to his feelings & consonant to his dignity was to repay the Sum proposed thro' an intermediate Channel which he trusted would be equally acceptable and agreeable to Government.

The Collector having issued the Nizamut Stipend for September His Highness yesterday sent me Rs. 3,500 from his Privy Purse allowance, and I immediately passed it to the Collectors Office with a letter communicating to that officer the arrangement adopted for the regular discharge of this Instalment. I have not had any answer or acknowledgement from Mr. Bevan who has been for some days & still is dangerously ill but the Dewan of the Office wrote that the money was deposited in the Treasury.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 13th October 1808.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nizt. Affrs.

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Major Fleming,
Berhampore.

Sir,—I beg leave to remind you that you have not to this time given any answer to the Letter I addressed you on the 26th of last month requiring an estimate of the amount of expense which will be incurred in levelling the Ground at the Kellah adjoining & contiguous to the

new Palace, & also intimation of what advance you should immediately require to enable you to commence upon the Work—as I have Occasion now to address Government on matters connected with this Subject of this enquiry I must express a wish to receive your answer under the least practicable retard.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 14th October 1808.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affrs.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—In continuation of mine of Yesterday I have the honor to Submit to you that having since the receipt of your commence of the 12th of last month had written Communication & personal Interviews with Nussur Oollah Khaun on all which Occasions he pressed earnestly to be allowed some part of the Interest accumulating on his Loan I did not under the definitive orders given in the 4th Paragraph of your Letter of date above quoted deem it necessary or proper to make any report in detail of Nussur Oolah's applications.

I have now the pleasure to enclose Copy & Translation of Derkhast which Nussur Oollah Khaun sent me in the evening of Yesterday & await the Orders of Government on the subject of his application to be paid in Calcutta and touching the mode in which he proposes to surrender the Jewels which have been deposited with him.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 14th October 1808.

T. Pattle, *Supdt. N. Affrs.*

Enclosure

Translation of a Derkhast from Nussur Oolah Khaun received on the 13th of October 1808.

I entertained the most sanguine expectations from the well known Justice & Liberality of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General that the Claim on the Nizamut for money advanced on the Security of certain Jewels pledged would be discharged with the amount of Interest due & accumulatory thereon to the Merchants who had supplied the Funds, & that I should be exonerated from all Responsibility ; but as His Lordship has issued Orders that only the principal shall be paid I have no resource but to conform to this Injunction, & only express my wish that the amount in question may be paid to me in Calcutta for the benefit of the Merchants Parties interested. The Jewels which were given in pledge are in Calcutta to deliver them at Moorshedabad would subject me to expense besides the risque I should incur in transitu. I am therefore hopeful that the Surrender of these Jewels may be accepted in Calcutta, but if Objection should Occur to that proposal in consequence of the Officers of the Nabob not being on the Spot to compare and identify the articles with the record kept of them—I entreat that a few Sepoys may be granted to me to serve as an Escort and Protection for these valuable Articles that by their means I may deliver them either to yourself or wherever you may be pleased to direct me.

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Major Fleming at Berhampore.

Sir,—Government on a deliberate consideration of a report sent in by Coll. Kyd in May last, accompanied by certain Estimates for Buildings & repairs to be immediately made in the Kellah to the premises in the Occupancy of the Begums & various female branches of the family of the present & of former Nabobs, were pleased to authorize me to take certain Steps for carrying into effect the Resolutions adopted, & especially to direct that certain parts of those buildings & repairs should on principles of delicacy be left to the immediate & entire Superintendence of their Highnesses the Nabob & Begums respectively, and as on inspection of the Estimates sent in and comparing those submitted by the late Roy Monick Chund in October 1807 with those furnished in May by Colonel Kyd (who adopted the plans of the native architect & artificers & made his Calculations thereon) the difference of expense was found not to be very material Colonel Kyd strongly recommended & Government directed that the Estimates sent in by Roy Monick Chund should be taken as the Standard or Scale on which the repairs were to be made. Government at the same time were pleased to recommend that as far as might be practicable, the works should be carried on by contract & that to ensure the performance by a Contractor or Contractors of Engagements entered on the due Execution of any work which may not be performed by Contract, they directed that you should be desired occasionally to examine the progress of all the Works carrying on for the purpose of pointing out & correcting at the time any Errors that might occur in the execution & also that the Works when finished & completed should by you be examined with as much minuteness as should be consistent with those Considerations of delicacy which have precluded the direct Interference of Government in the execution of the Work itself, & they expressly say that all Inspections and Surveys must be made with the Consent of the Nabob and of the Munnee Begum which Concurrence is to be communicated to you in due time by me & I am told to express the expectation that you will in these respects act in concert with me & in conformity to such advice & suggestions as I may have Occasion to offer.

2. Government have moreover signified that in framing any terms of Engagement by Contract I should request the benefit of your advice & Assistance with respect to those buildings which Government in their Commands of the 23d May directed should be erected under the immediate Superintendence of the Nabob & Begum, it has not been found practicable to obtain Proposals of Contract from Persons unexceptionable, duly qualified & fully responsible ; accordingly on my report to that effect I received Instructions from Government of date the 12th September informing me I was not to press or insist on the Works being engaged for by contract, but to allow them to be executed by such person or persons as should be selected or appointed by the Nabob and Begum whom I was told to address informing them they were full liberty to employ People of their own Selection in the business provided the estimates already submitted & approved were in no respect exceeded and only such Buildings constructed & such

repairs carried on which are included in Coll. Kyd's report of the 10th May and by him represented to be indispensably necessary & I am enjoined for the attainment of that Object & to prevent any departure therefrom to exercise a due regular & active Controul over the Persons so employed to secure a due execution of the Plans laid down & a proper application of the Sums allotted in effecting which I must of course have considerable Reliance on the Survey reports which may from time to time be made to me by you whilst the Work is carrying on, as I have mentioned to be enjoined in the former part of this Letter ; & in the orders recently received I am especially directed to consult you and to regulate & determine in concert with you the extent & proper Periods of advances to be made or which may be required by those who undertake the work.

3. Under the Spirit of this Injunction I have to acquaint you that the Sum allowed for the whole Repairs & buildings (by which I mean only that Part the direction & superintendence of which is directed to be exclusively committed to the Superintendence of the Nabob & Begum) to be executed amounts upon the estimates allowed to Sa. Rs. 2,17,957 of which Sum Rs. 64,434 is applicable to the Repairs of the Apartments of Her Highness the Munnee Begum & those of three females remaining of the Seraglio of the late Nabob Nedjum Oo Dowlah, these four Objects the Munnee Begum informs me she considers as under her own particular Superintendence & Controul & that at this time she will come to no determination regarding them or allow Interference from any other quarter, there remain in consequence eleven other principal Buildings some to be built & some to be repaired the Sum allotted for which is Rs. 1,53,523 & His Highness the Nabob has brought forward the Darogah of his Emarut as a Person duly qualified & one to whom he choses to entrust the execution of all this work. You will observe that I have no option in the Selection or Rejection generally of the Person whom Her Highness should chose to recommend & on the present Occasion the Man is willing to give Security for the performance of the Job & the regular application of the Money allowed, her written Derkast specifies the Periods at which he requires that advances shall be made to term & the chief or particular *purport* of this address after giving you a general Outline of the Measures in contemplation & of the nature and extent of the Assistance which will be required of you in the execution thereof is to observe and conform to the Orders I have received to consult you previous to determining and fixing the extent, progression & periods of advances to be made to the engaging Party presented by the Nabob. In her written proposal she stipulates that he must receive as follows:—

On the 1st day of November or on such day as his Proposal shall be definitively accepted for the purpose of making bricks, purchasing Timbers & Chunam & the provision of Stores generally as a first advance	Rs.	40,000
On the 1st day of February or on such day as shall be three months posterior to the Issue of the first advance at which time he conceives he shall be enabled to commence on the Foundation a further advance of		30,000
On the 1st of March or after a lapse of one month when he conceives the works will generally run up three feet or nearly that above the Surface		20,000
On the 1st of April when they will be advanced about three feet more ...		25,000
On the 1st of May when he expects to lay the Terraces of the buildings ...		18,000
On the 1st of June or at such time as the plastering painting & whole Work shall be completed	Rs.	20,523
Total Sa.	Rs.	1,53,523

4. I have to request you will with as little retard as your Convenience shall permit favor me with your Opinion how far these periods for issuing advances to the Person employed are proper & conformable to general usage that I may report to Government & obtain their orders as early as practicable, because it is not only desirable but requisite the Work should be completed before the next rainy Season ; the period of the first advance must of course govern the rest of that is protracted beyond the 1st proximo the other Instalments must experience retard in proportion.

If it should be your wish to see Coll. Kyd's Plans & Estimates of the Works to be done and also the Plans sent in by Roy Monick Chund in October 1807 with the Abstract of the Estimates submitted by him in the Persian Language you may inspect them at my Office or if you prefer it I will send them to you but I must particularly request the Opinion I have now asked may for the reasons assigned be given as early as possible. —I am etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 15th October 1808.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nizt. Affrs.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I had the honor to receive on the 23d your Letter of the 12th Ultimo & I immediately called upon Major Fleming to furnish the Estimate required & to state what advance would be necessary to enable him to commence on the proposed Job of levelling the ground & removing the scattered bricks & Rubbish.

2. I did not until Saturday evening the 15th Instant hear from Major Fleming in answer but I have now the honor to forward the Copy of his Letter & of the estimate which accompanied and await the Orders of Government thereon.

3. I have addressed the Nabob to request His Highness will come to some determination regarding the number & extent of the old buildings which he proposes to pull down as it appears to me Major Fleming will

state difficulties & Obstacles until that part of the business is commenced on & its extent determined.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 17th October 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—In continuation of my address of the 12th Instant I have now the honor to send under Cover herewith in conformity to the tenor of your Instructions of the 12th of last month a Letter from His Highness the Nabob & one from myself to Mirza Khulleel oolah Khaun apprizing him of the reduction of his Stipend and of the arrangement adopted in the disposal & appropriation of the five hundred Rupees still remaining as a monthly allowance ; Copies of both letters are also submitted for your Information.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 17th October 1808.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affrs.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acquaint you for the Information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General that I received yesterday a letter from His Highness the Nabob informing me of the demise of the Nabob Rostum Jung who received a pension of Rs. 1,200 Per Mensem in the Nizamut Department included in the allowances to the Saibzaudah as will be seen on reference to Statement No. 1 of appendix to the Committees report of the 10th of November 1802.

2. As the Nabob in submitting his recommendation touching the future appropriation of the Pension received by the late Rostum Jung Behader has gone into more detail of explanation than has been usually observed on similar Occasion, I have deemed it expedient to submit herewith Copy & Translation of His Highnesses Letter & at the same time to add on my part in conformity to the Spirit of your Instructions of the 9th of last Month such Information as appears requisite in the present Instance altho' it does not fall within the strict letter of those orders because this is not one of those Pensions which by the Resolutions of Government of the 3d of September 1790 are declared hereditary.

3. I have reason to think the Nabobs Statement of the family left by the deceased Rostum Jung to be quite correct. His first wife who was first Cousin to His Highness died many years ago, without bearing him any Children, of course it appears equitable & proper that the Marriage Portion which he received with her chargeable in the general resources of the Nizamut should completely revert thereto, more especially as a pressing Call exists for the aid of every means that can be sup for. I am credibly informed when the accounts of the expenditure for the year 1214 B.S. shall be prepared & submitted the excess of disbursement will be found to be uncommonly heavy & the augmentation of the Nizamut or floating Debt be swelled accordingly. The Situation of the Nabob Rostum Jung in the event of his first marriage is stated in detail in the proceedings of the Nizamut Committee & in the minutes which accompanied their Address to Government on the 15th May 1802.

4. Rostum Jung after the demise of his first wife married a daughter of Shahzaudal Daood the Granddaughter of Salea Begum named Shauroke Begum who appears in the receipt of a Pension of 200 Rs. monthly as one of the family of Mirza Mahomed Jeelill recorded in Page of 4 of No. 1 of Appendix to the Nizamut Committee's Proceedings under the head of Aukrabah whose Pensions are declared hereditary besides which the Most Noble the Governor General allotted to Shauroke Begum & her Sister in equal proportions the Pension of Rs. 1,000 monthly which their Grandmother Salia Begum had enjoyed as will be found on reference to the Instructions issued to me from the Political Department under date the 27th June 1805.

The Right Hon'ble the Governor General will determine on the propositions submitted by His Highness for the appropriation of the seven hundred Rupees allowance of which I have just given the detail I should humbly apprehend it is not more than what may be deemed sufficient for the decent maintenance and due support with reference to birth & Situation of Shauroke Begum Widow of Rostum Jung & of her Infant daughter & I conceive that any participation therein by the Offspring of Rostum Jung born of Concubines would be considered by the Munnee Begum as inequitable and injurious—Perhaps it may not be thought inexpedient to endeavor to ascertain whether Rostum Jung died possessed of property real & personal & to what extent & if such property should be found sufficient for the Support of the Children born of Concubines there would be no Occasion to trench on their account on any part of the resources of the Nizamut. I believe the deceased had no landed property in Bengal but it is possible he might be possessed of some in the Benares district.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 19th October 1808.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affrs.*

Enclosure

Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob dated 16th October 1808.

After the usual Compliments you have probably heard of the death of Syed Himmait Ally Khan Behader Rostum Jung who died on the 21st of Sauvaun 1223 Hidjeree (12 October 1808). Independent of affinity by Connection my esteem & regard for him was so great that it has plunged me in the deepest affliction—altho' he was not of very illustrious or distinguished Birth still his Parentage was respectable & therefore my deceased Father invited him from Benares to give him his niece

in marriage daughter of his own Sister & invested him with a high Title & settled upon him a Stipend of Rs. 1,200 Per mensem exceeding that granted to his Sons by marriage with his own daughters above whom he also greatly distinguished Rostum Jung ; & on this account my friendship for him was unlimited. When his Bhegum or my Cousin died without leaving Issue of her body, a reduction of his allowance would not have been unreasonable or improper but in consideration of his Claims to distinction it was not deemed expedient to diminish the Consequence of one who had been excelled to favor & on account of my personal attachment to him his allowance was not reduced. Some years afterwards the Nabob aforesaid married the daughter of Mirza Daood by whom he had one daughter who survives him, Mirza Daoods daughter received 200 Rs. part of the Stipend of her father & also Rs. 500 half the Stipend of Salia Begum deceased making her Income from the Nizamut altogether Rs. 700. Now Rostum Jung is no more—it appears to me expedient that the allowance of Rs. 700 which was settled on his wife the daughter of Mirza Daood for her support & that of her Child the offspring of Rostum Jung should be continued for their support & Maintenance for which purposes I consider it fully adequate and even that it will besides afford a provision for the Sons & a daughter whom Rostum Jung has left who were born of Concubines & therefore are in no respect related to our family—as the Nizamut is constantly struggling with difficulty owing to the Income being inadequate to the indispensable Claims for expenditure & a Load of debt is the necessary consequence which is a matter that falls under the notice & attention of the Government I must hope & conclude the Right Hon'ble the Governor General will approve & adopt the Suggestion that the allowance of Rs. 1,200 which Rostum Jung had shall be added to the resources of the Nizamut as the daughter of Mirza Daood, Rostum Jung's widow & her daughter & the other descendants of the said Nabob will be provided for by the 700 Rs. allotted them, but if it is not thought proper to assign to Rostum Jung's Sons & daughters born in Concubinage a portion of that Rs. 700 before described two hundred Rupees may be devoted to that purpose of the twelve hundred which Rostum Jung enjoyed & the balance revert to the Resources of the Nizamut. On this head you will report to His Lordship & make known to me his pleasure.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—Ever since the receipt on the 20th of your Letter of the 12th of last month I have not lost sight of the Instructions it conveyed, & have been anxious to give as early effect as practicable to the Resolutions of Government relative to the reconstruction of some, & repairs of other decayed buildings belonging to the Nizamut.

2. Much Indecision and a divesity [diversity?] of opinion prevailing between the Nabob & Begum together with the Intervention of the Holidays has to this time prevented such Progress in the objects to be accomplished, as should authorize my Submitting any report thereon.

3. I have now the honor to state that after having had several personal Interviews & some Communication by letter with the Nabob & Munnee Bhegum, Her Highness, who in the Outset claimed the entire Superintendence & exclusive Controul over all that had relation to Plans No. 1, 2 & 5 detailed in the Abstract annexed to Coll. Kyd's Report of the 10th of May 1808 signified to me her conclusive Determination that the Repairs of her principal Apartments included in Plan No. 1, & the reconstruction of *three* of the *eleven* apartments designated for the accommodation of the Females of the deceased Nabobs which are included in Plan No. 5 of the Abstract above referred to should be placed under her distinct & particular Superintendence. The Munnee Bhegum makes the Selection of three of the eleven Apartments being those designed for the females of the late Nabob Nedjumoodowlah, with these females Her Highness claims particular Connection & right of Interference because the Nabob Nedjumoodowlah was the Son of Jaffeer Ally Khaun by Her Highness the Munnee Begum whilst the Nabobs Syfoodowlah & Mobareckoodowlah deceased were born of the body of the Bubboo Begum.

4. In the several Communications I had with the Munnee Begum I endeavored clearly & very distinctly (but with the utmost respect & delicacy) to convey to Her Highnesses understanding the true Spirit as well as the Letter of my Instructions from Government as expressed in the 3rd 4th 5th 9th & 10th Paragraphs of your Commands of the 12th of last month, but I found her extremely impracticable, & unwilling to appreciate justly the Intentions of Government in asserting their expectations of exercising without demur or opposition a right of controulling the expenditure & of securing the due application of funds advanced to the purposes for which they are intended. I informed her that the Nabob had fully & in the most unqualified manner acquiesced in all the Conditions laid down in my Instructions, & I requested that Her Highness would, as he had done, nominate some Person or Persons to be employed on her behalf in carrying on those Works over which she claimed the exclusive privilege of Controul & direction, in order that they might obtain from me authority to receive from time to time the advances which would be wanted for the Service & that I might know to whom my attention should be directed for the performance of the required duty. Her Highness clearly & explicitly desired me to understand that she did not mean to conform to the System I had described, that she required & expected that the Sum allowed for the four Objects she had reserved to herself (being Rs. 64,434) should be paid to *herself* either now in on Sum or at such times & in so many payments as Government might direct, that when possessed of the Funds adequate to the expense to be incurred she should determine on the time for commencing & manner of carrying on the Works, Her Highness observed she had no other Habitation of her own to retire to whilst the repairs of her apartments were carrying on, as for the last 43 years (since the demise of Jaffeer Ally Khan) she had never [stirred] beyond the precincts of her own Enclosure hence it became necessary

& expedient that she should govern & regulate the times when Workmen might be received & admitted in the interior, with much more reasoning to the same effect, to state in detail the several long Conversations & reasonings we had on the Subject would occupy much time to little purpose Her Highness either could not or would not understand or admit the shade of distinction or difference between my issuing under Sanction of authority the Sum allowed as by her required immediately to herself or to her Dewan Roy Poorun Chund, or paying it at stipulated Periods to an Officer selected by her & reported to me as the architect or Builder employed to carry on the Repairs, she insisted that she could not suppose Government would suspect her of misapplying any part of the Sum allowed, & that her Stipend was answerable, that she would employ no Contractor & appoint no Agent, but would commence the works when she saw proper & at all events chose to wait until she saw the nature & progress of the buildings which would be carried on by the Nabob's people and when those included in her Department were commenced, she should not object to occasional Surveys & Inspections by Major Fleming or any other Engineer Officer deputed for the purpose of seeing that the work was properly carried on provided I also would attend the Surveying Officer in his Visits to the interior of her Habitation. I beg you will be assured that it was wholly out of my power to make any other Impression on Her Highnesses mind or to chake the determination she seemed to have adopted of having the business done in her own way, or not at all, at the same time she expressed much Satisfaction on my communicating the Resolution of Government in answer to her enquiry as explained in Paragraph 10 of your Letter of the 12th of September.

5. In consequence of the Communication had with the Nabob His Highness sent me about ten or twelve days ago a Man named Syed Nudjufally as the Person he had selected to be employed in conducting generally all the Works to be carried on comprized in Plans No. 2, 3, 4 & 5 of Coll. Kyds report of the 10th May—Previous to this Communication from His Highness I received applications from the Bubboo Begum & the Walidah Begum desiring to be permitted to inspect the Plans & Estimates of the Works intended for their accommodation & intimating an Intention of appointing a proper Person each to conduct & manage the Repairs that appertained to them respectively, after keeping the Plans a few days the Begums returned them with Letters expressive of their desire that whatever related to them might be entrusted to such Person as His Highness the Nabob might select for the execution of the Works in general.

6. On communicating with Syed Nudjuf Ally I found he had been employed & consulted by the late Roy Monick Chund in preparing the several Plans & Estimates which were submitted by me to Government on the 2d December last, & that he came prepared to stipulate that those Estimates should be adopted as the Scale on which the repairs were to be made and tho' I for a time combated this Idea yet as it was admitted & authorized by the 4th Paragraph of your Instructions of the 23d May I gave way to the Stipulation on his part. On this Scale of Calculation the total amount of Repairs and buildings to be made will require the Sum of Rs. 2,17,957-9-10 as will be seen by reference to the translation of the Abstract Estimate of the 2d December last & by extracting therefrom the following Statement.

Total amount of general Estimate			Sa. Rs. 2,77,681- 4- 5
Deduct articles disallowed Vizt.			
Repairs to the Munnee Begums Chandnee Mehal included Plan No. 2		19,344-12- 0	
Do. to outer apartments Gateways &ca. included in Sketch No. 3 .		8,010- 6- 0	
		27,355- 2- 0	
Repairs to the Bubboo Begums Chandnee Mehal in Plan No. 5	21,543-12-15		
Do. to Outer apartments Gateways &ca. as Per Sketch No. 6	10,824-12- 0	32,368- 8-15	
			59,723-10-15
There remains the Sum of			Sa. Rs. 2,17,957- 9-10
Of which the following are the component Items:			
Repairs to principal apartments of the Munnee Begums dwelling .		34,533- 4- 0	
Three dwellings for three female Concubines of the Nabob Nedjumoodowlah deceased & their attendants each costing Rs. 9,966-15-10 .		29,900-14-10	
To be deducted from the gross Sum because these repairs are claimed exclusively by Her Highness the Begum as to be under her sole Controul			64,434- 2-10
Leaving the Sum of			Rs. 1,53,523- 7- 0
To be applied by the Nabobs Agent Syed Nudjufally on the following Works Vizt.			
Repairs allowed Per estimate for the apartments of the Bubboo Begum amounts to			31,946-13- 0
Do. for the apartments of the Waledah Begum			28,620- 1- 0
Apartments for a Seraglio for His Highness the Nabob . . .			13,220-13- 0
Construction of three dwelling for three Concubines of the Nabob Jaffeer Ally Khaun &ca. at Rs. 9,966-15-10 each . . .			29,900-14-10
The same allotment for the same number remaining of the Seraglio of the Nabob Syfoodowlah			29,900-14-10
Two apartments for the surviving Concubines of the late Nabob Mobarekoodowlah and their attendants at the same rate of expense .			19,933-15- 0
Making together			Sa. Rs. 1,53,523- 7- 0

7. This work Syed Nudjeefally expresses himself willing to undertake on the Terms of the Plans sent on and estimates submitted by Roy Monick Chund and agrees to enter into a Written engagement binding himself that the whole shall be executed in a proper & workman like manner & that none lent the best materials procurable shall be used and he offers to give as his Security for performing this written engagement a man named Ally Buksh who holds the Office of Jewel keeper to His Highness the Nabob & who is considered to possess some, tho' not very large property ; as my last Instructions did not enjoin me to press for such engagements or require them of Parties brought forward by the Nabob or Bhegum I have not signified whether these engagements will or not be accepted Syed Nudjeef Ally himself is the father to Meer Ashruff Ally who is the nominal Darogah of the Nabobs Emarut & a Minor of course the Duties & responsibility of the Office attach to Nudjuf Ally. He Stipulates that he must receive advances in the following rates & periods: On the 1st day of next month or on such day as his proposal shall be definitively accepted for the purpose of purchasing Timbers & Chunam, making bricks & the provision of Stores generally

as a first advance	Sa.Rs. 40,000
On the 1st of February or three months subsequent to the Issue of the first advance at which time he expects to commence on the foundation the further Issue of	30,000
at the expiration of another month of the work shall be three feet or nearly so above the foundation the third advance of . .	20,000
a fourth advance at the expiration of another month when the building shall have advanced about three feet more . . .	25,000
a fifth advance at the expiration of another month when he may commence on laying the Roofs &ca.	18,000
When the Work shall be completed the Payment of the full balance	20,523
Total Sum required	Rs. 1,53,523

8. After communicating with the Man His Highness had selected, in conformity to the Spirit of the Orders I had received to act in concert with the Engineer Officer & especially to consult him in the regulation of the advances to be made I wrote Major Fleming in full & explanatory detail on the 15th Instant stating to him the Service to be performed the manner in which Government had enjoined it should be executed whether by Contract or Agency of parties selected by the Nabob & Begum & the nature of the Inspections & surveys which he would from time to time be required to make & the reports that would be expected of him & I gave him a minute & exact particular of the proposition of Syed Nudjuf Ally & the dates of the advances he expected to receive & on this point I especially desired he would give me his opinion.

9. Major Fleming informs me in answer to my enquiry that when Buildings have been contracted for by Government it has been usual to make advances in the following manner. One third is issued at the time the Contract is concluded, one third when the Work is half done, & the remaining third on the completion of it, still he observes that he does not think the Mode proposed by Nudjuf Ally tho' differing from the usage above stated, by any means extravagant provided the Work is carried on in the manner expressed in the proposal for advances which Major Fleming thinks he will not be able to effect. On this I have only to remark that the third stipulated Instalment & all those subsequent thereto must be governed by the progress & execution of the Work, & that it will be my Care that Cash advance be Kept back in proportion to any retard that may occur in carrying on the Building, nevertheless if Government should chose to vary the periods of issuing advances & to regulate them on the Standard described by Major Fleming or nearly thereby I have little doubt but the Nabobs Agent will readily acquiesce I have had no opportunity of enquiring of him owing to the holidays & his being indisposed.

10. If the proposition of Syed Nudjufally be approved & I would really recommend that it should as I see no prospect of getting a better bargain and find no facility in getting proper persons willing to engage in these matters I shall be glad that early Instructions may be sent to the Collector to furnish advances on the Assignments I may grant, because everything depends on embracing the present Season for making bricks & laying in Stores for building to ensure the completion of the Work within the Season or in all the month of July.

11. With regard to the Repairs & Buildings described in Plans No. 10, 11, 13, 14, & 15 neither the Nabob nor Bhegum seem at all anxious to interfere with them, & tho' I have invited proposals of Contract no offers have as yet been made for them I am on the look out to endeavor to find proper Persons to undertake the Job & shall as early as practicable report the result of my efforts & enquiries.

12. I have particularly explained to both the Begums that Government have not authorized anything beyond those repairs & buildings which Coll. Kyd has reported to be indispensably necessary.

13. On the Subject of the proposed accommodation for the Nabob Syed Murtezah Khan I had the honor to address you on the 11th Instant. His Highness is very anxious for an answer to his application as his Creditors are clamorous under the Stoppage ordered in his Stipend since the 1st of last month.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 20th October 1808.

T. Pattle,
Supt. N. A.

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Major Fleming at Berhampore.

Sir,—By a Letter I have received from the Secretary to Government of date the 17th Current I am informed

that the Right Hon'ble the Governor General has been pleased to authorize the Construction of a Portico to the Wing of the Nabob's Palace on the Plan & estimate submitted with your address to me of the 19th August and I am desired to give you directions to commence on the work immediately & am informed that the Collector has been directed to issue to you the Sum of Sicca Rupees 3,103-2-4 the amount of your Estimate above referred to.

2. In compliance with the desire expressed in yours of the 16th Instant I have now the pleasure to send you Coll. Kyds drafts containing the Plans, Sections, & Elevations of the Buildings to be constructed in the Kellah for which proposals have to this time been submitted to Government as mentioned in my letter to you of the 15th Instant being—

No. 2 Plan &ca. for Work to be performed to the Apartments of the Bubboo Begum.
3 Do. for Walidah Bhegums apartments.
4 Do. of a building to be constructed for the Nabob's Seraglio.
5 Do. of apartments to be constructed for the accommodation of certain females relicts of former Nabobs.

3. As the Nabob's Darogah will in the execution of the Work have constant Occasion of reference to these Plans I request you will take the Copies as soon as you conveniently can and return the originals to me.

4. I have in my address to Government stated the Substance (as far as is material) of your letter to me of the 16th & have observed to them that the third Stipulated Instalments for the Work & all those subsequent thereto must be regulated by the Progress & execution of it, & that each advance will be Kept back in proportion to any retard that may occur, as you seem to expect in carrying on the Buildings generally.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 24th October 1808.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nizt. Affrs.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Depart.,
Fort William.

Sir,—I had the honor to receive on the 20th your Letter of the 12th of last month conveying to me the further Instructions of Government on the Subject of the adjustment of the personal Debts of His Highness the Nabob & having been since constantly employed in carrying them into effect I have now to report the Result.

2. On the 22d Ultimo conformably to the orders I received, I restored *vested* to His Highness the Jewels which were surrendered to me by Juggut Seat.

3. On the 23d of the month I gave to Nekuddum an assignment on the Collector for twenty thousand Sicca Rupees as he was enabled to pay that amount from the balance remaining in his hands of the former remittance from Calcutta, & I received from Nekuddum His Highnesses Bond with a release & full discharge endorsed thereon.

4. On obtaining Information from the late Mr. Bevan that he had received Funds from Calcutta to enable him to discharge the remainder of the Claims I gave the following assignments on him in the 8th Instant which I am informed he discharged on the 10th of the month Vizt.

To Mirza Buksh Ally for	Rs. 56,860- 0- 0
Amber Ally Khan .	18,068-14- 5
Besumber . . .	24,000- 0- 0
Ally Buksh . .	5,125- 0- 0
	1,04,053-14- 5

making together with the Sum paid to Nekuddum on the 23d Ultimo Sa. Rs. 1,24,053-14-5 I received from Besumber & Ally Buksh the Nabobs Bonds for the principal Sum paid them respectively & by endorsement on the Bonds a discharge in full of all demands Mirza Buksh Ally and Amber Ally Khan gave their receipts for the Sums paid to them in full Satisfaction of all claims on His Highness.

5. On the 14th Instant I had the honor to report fully on the Subject of Nussur Oolah Khan's demand & stated his assent to receive the principal Sum lent in full Satisfaction of his Debt.

6. Of the whole of the Nabob's Creditors there only remains one whose Claim is unsatisfied which is Besumber on account a Bond given by His Highness to him on the name of Sookmun as particularly explained in my address of the 20th of June last Paragraph 6.

7. I have deemed it expedient to defer discharging the Bond which Besumber holds in the name of Sookmun for Rs. 48,000 included in the 3d Paragraph of your Commands of the 12th Ultimo until I shall have submitted certain Circumstances which have occurred subsequent to my address of the 1st of September & shall be informed of the pleasure of Government on a Consideration thereof.

8. A considerable time ago (I believe late in July or early in August) Roy Poorun Chund Dewan to the Munnee Begum informed me that Her Highness wished to see a List of the Nabob's Creditors with an account of their respective Claims, as Her Highness had heard that some arrangement was under consideration for the liquidation of them. I immediately desired the Statement might be sent her, & was informed by the Nabob's Officers that it had been transmitted accordingly. I heard nothing further on the Subject until the 18th of last month when Poorun Chund paid me a visit accompanied by Sookmun & mentioned in the course of general Conversation, that this Sookmun, (whom I had never seen before) was the Party in whose name a bond had been given to Besumber, but that he Sookmun claimed the Money as his own property, on my enquiring particularly as to the time when & manner in which he had advanced the money to the Nabob he said it was a Transaction of the late Roy Monick Chund's during his life time, that the money was advanced thro' him at different time and in different Sums from the year 1209 to 1214 inclusive, but that he could

not speak as to any particular periods or dates or give specification of any particular Sum paid at any one time, & that to his belief there was no written account or record of the transaction. On my remarking to him that Besumbers Claim was on a Bond acknowledged by His Highness the Nabob & admitted by all his Officers, bearing dated the 1st of Bysack 1209, & therefore it did not appear to me that it could have reference to any payments or Transactions at various times and all of posterior date to the Bond itself Sookmun did not appear informed or disposed to say much on the Subject but Roy Poorun Chund taking up the discussion said the 48,000 Rs. in question was not the property of Sookmun, but belonged to Her Highness the Munnee Begum, that the Circumstance of the Nabob being so largely indebted to her arise from Roy Monick Chund her private Servant in the capacity of Dewan having for a long term of years had the management as well of the whole of the Nizamut Affairs generally as of her immediate Interests, & property, that occasionally when Cash was wanted for the particular exigencies of the Nizamut her Dewan had been in the habit of Supplying it from Her Highnesses funds & vice versa Monick Chund had frequently used the Treasury & Resources of the Nizamut to meet Calls of emergency for the immediate Service of the Begum, that the accounts of the two estates thus became intimately blended, & no conclusive adjustment was made or balance struck at any particular time, but that at the time of Roy Monick Chunds demise a very considerable deficiency appeared in the Treasury of Her Highness which he conceived to arise from large Sums being due to her from the Nabob as it could be no otherwise accounted for, and that as the Claim set up by Besumber was to recover on a Bond given in the name of Sookmun who holds the Office of Cazanchee to Her Highness it was presumable this was her money or why should they have used the name of this particular Officer in her department as Roy Poorun Chund informed me the Begum had enjoined him to communicate with me in the manner he had done on the Subject of this Claim for Rs. 48,000 I told him I had not at that time received any definitive orders for the discharge of the debts generally & that I should take a very early opportunity of waiting on Her Highness to talk the matter over & learn her Sentiments from her own mouth & on the day following I sent a Chubdar to request the Begum would name an early day for my attendance at Dewry. Her Highness sent word that it would not suit her convenience to receive me until after the Dussarah vacation, when having obtained Sanction I waited upon her on Monday the 3d Instant when the Subject of her Claim to this 48,000 Rs. came under full & minute discussion, Her Highness did not profess to assert the demand as from her own knowledge or from any memorandum or Information derived from the deceased Roy Monick Chund, but on the Grounds which had been assumed by her present Dewan & stated in the conference he had with me under her orders on the 18th of September, namely the manner in which Roy Monick Chund had for many years conducted the business of both departments blending with her private accounts those of the Nabob and Nizamut without any regular adjustment or balance being struck, the Circumstance of there being a very heavy deficiency & balance due to her unaccounted for by the deceased Dewan whom she had not authorized to employ her funds in any other manner than in aid of the Nizamut exigencies & especially because the debt stood in the name of Sookmun one of her own Officers, to this I answered that Besumber informed me that under recommendation from Monick Chund (as stated in my letter of the 20th June,) to have one of his bonds made out benamè the name of Sookmun had been proposed by him & approved by Roy Monick Chund because they were first Cousins as Sookmuns father & Besumbers were own brothers, which seemed to account for the Selection, that His Highness had informed me that when he executed this Bond by giving Sanction to the affixing his Seal thereto it was tendered for the purpose by Roy Monick Chund who told him tho' Sookmun's name was used it was for money advanced for his Service by Besember in consequence the Nabob fully admitted the Claim that I had very particularly questioned the Officers of the Nizamut on this Subject who all agreed in one Story that the bond was given for money supplied by Besumber, Bholanout the present acting Dewan observed that he was not in Office in Bysack 1209 as Roy Achentram was then living and in the Office of Naib Dewan but that he had heard of the Circumstance & then as well as subsequently understood the money was advanced by Besumber, Roy Roychund Paishcar of the Bhelah & Joynaut one of the principal Mohrir speaks to the same effect & observe that reference to the Accounts of the department will shew how the Debt arose the Sums supplied & the periods at which they were furnished that I craved leave respectfully to enquire of Her Highness whether there was any trace of this Loan in any Rozenamah (day book) or Jummah Khurch (account receipts and disbursements) kept by her Officers or any written document or Voucher whatever & on her answering in the negative I observed to her how improbable it was so Zealous & faithful a Servant as Monick Chund who had for so protracted a Term of years conducted her Affairs so much to her satisfaction should in this Instance be so remiss and unmindful of her Interests as to place an Object of so much Importance on such a loose footing when it would have been so easy for him to have put her in Possession of ample & incontestable documents & to have attended to her Convenience & benefit by occasional intermediate payment of Interest from the Year 1209 to 1214 as had been observed with others of the Nabobs Creditors besides which I expressed my surprize that whilst all other Parties who has claims on the Nabob had been for many months past earnest, frequent & importunate in their applications so soon as it was discovered that an arrangement of the Nabobs debts was in contemplation neither Sookmun himself nor any one for him nor Her Highnesses Dewan with whom I had frequent conferences touching the Nabobs debts nor any other person on her behalf had ever set up a Claim to this 48,000 Rs. or any other Sum until the 18th of last month in the manner before recited. That under the tenor of the Instructions I had received I was bound to pay the money to Besumber & certainly not to pay to any one who had not a regular Voucher or Document to produce for his demand or whose Claim was not positively admitted by His Highness the

Nabob that Sookmuns application was wholly devoid of any of these necessary appendages & therefore by me wholly inadmissible, but that from delicacy & respect to Her Highness if she was pleased to insist on the Claim, and pointedly to object to the proposed payment to Besumber—I should certainly postpone authorizing the Issue by the Collector until I could report & obtain further Instructions from my superiors. The Conference with Her Highness lasted a very considerable time, & went into much detail of discussion but at length Her Highness said *clearly* and *distinctly* that altho' it had been suggested to her that this money was her right & that unless it was so she could in no manner account for the great deficiency in her Treasury, still as she had on the preceding day had a personal Interview with the Nabob & found that he was dissatisfied at her preferring the Claim & had expressed himself determined to resist it, & as in corroboration of his Sentiments mine Seemed not to incline to the admission of her Pretensions she should abandon the Claim wholly & make no further Objection to my satisfying Besumber under the Instructions I had received. When Her Highness had expressed this, her head Eunuch Bussunt Ally Khan who with Roy Poorun Chund assisted at the Conference suggested Objection on no new Grounds but on those which had been previously discussed by the Begum & me especially on the Color of Pretence which the assumption of Sookmun's Name in the bond gave, seeing he was an Officer of the Dwery. This caused Her Highness to wave & to resume the discussion which lasted for sometime when she again fully & formally abandoned the Claim but on Poorun Chund demurring to the Policy of such determination on her part the matter was again talked over but not placed in any new point of view & as this third discussion terminated as the others had done as I was very much fatigued & the day very far advanced I ventured to discourage all further opposition from the Dewan & head Eunuch by observing to Her Highness & partly addressing myself to them that after three declaration so clear distinct & explicit on the part of the Begum, I considered the Claim which had been set up as wholly abandoned and that I felt myself at liberty to pay Besumber in common with the other Creditors & that I should postpone it no longer than the following day & should the same evening desire the Parties to be in attendance for the purpose of receiving my assignments on the Collector, in this Her Highness was pleased to express her acquiescence and at the same time her permission that I should take my leave, on the following day Tuesday the 5th no one attended (it being some Holiday) to claim payment of the Debts & early on Wednesday morning a Chubdar from Her Highness brought me the letter of which I have the honor to enclose you Copy & Translation marked No. 1 of this letter I returned an immediate answer by the Chubdar who brought it Copy & translation of which accompany under No. 2 and at the same moment addressed the Nabob Copy & Translation of my letter are enclosed marked No. 3 to which I received on the 10th Instant an answer from Her Highness of which No. 4 exhibit the Copy & translation. Four Letters afterwards passed between Her Highness the Begum & me of which Copies and Translations are sent herewith under No. 5, 6, 7 & 8.

9. From the foregoing Statement and the explanatory Correspondence it appears the Right Hon'ble the Governor General will be in full Possession of all the Circumstances attaching to the Case & I wait the receipt of further Instructions either in confirmation of those of the 12th of September to pay the amount of Besumbers Claim or that it, as suggested by the Nabob shall lie over altogether and the 48,000 Rs. be carried back to the credit of Government in which case the whole amount of the Debt which will have been discharged will be as per Statement enclosed herewith, including that of Nussur Oolah Khan Rs. 3,05,832-10-4 on which amount Interest at the rate of 8 Per Cent will amount to Rs. 24,466 Per annum & Her Highness in a late Conversation I had with him renewed his Instances that I would state to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General his earnest hope that for the present at least whilst the resources of the Nizamut are inadequate to the expenditure indispensably necessary (and there is no reserve whatever to meet Contingencies which must be unavoidable) the deduction from his Privy Purse might be limited to Rs. 2,000 Per mensem or the Sum exactly required to pay regularly the Interest accruing on the amount advanced I assured him I should submit His Highnesses wish to the consideration of Government & should report the answer I might receive. The late Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad two days previous to his decease signed & Sent me his receipts in duplicate for the Sum of three thousand five hundred Rupees paid by the Nabob on the 12th as reported in my Letter of the 13th Instant as the first Instalment or deduction from his Privy Purse in discharge of his Debt to Government I request to be informed whether these receipts are to be delivered to His Highness as his vouchers for so much of his debt redeemed or whether they are to remain amongst the records of my department.

10. I am also in possession of the several Bonds & Vouchers surrendered by Juggut Seet, Chunderbaun, Kessoree Sing, Mirza Buksh Ally, Amber Ally Khan, Besumber Ally Buksh & Nekuddum & await your instructions whether these Vouchers are to remain with me, or if it is intended that they shall be surrendered to the Nabob & a New Obligation be taken from him commensurate with their aggregate amounts or rather for the Sum wherewith they have altogether been redeemed by Government.

I have to express my regret for having so long intruded & also to apologize for the delay which has occurred in the transmission of this report which has proceeded from the Sickness of all my Writers Moonshees and Omlah generally—an epidemic fever has prevailed for a considerable time past in the City of Moorshedabad & its environs its ravages are more extensive & mortality is more general amongst the Natives than I have witnessed on any previous Season, & my exertions are crippled in every department from the total failure of Assistance in the Services of the subordinate Officers.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 24th October 1808.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nizt. Affrs.

No. 1.

Enclosure No. 1.

Translation of a Letter from Her Highness the Begum under date the 12th of Sauvaun on 4th of October received on Wednesday the 5th of October 1808.

After the usual Compliments—You came to see me on Monday and we had some Conversation regarding a Claim of Rs. 48,000 which is said to be due from His Highness the Nabob (reciting his Titles) as so much received thro' Sookmun my Treasurer & which you informed me is claimed by Besumber as his property. This money was supplied by Sookmun my Treasurer & until I shall write you again on the Subject do not pay the amount to any one, which I mention for your Information & Guidance.

No. 2.

Enclosure No. 2.

Translation of a Letter to the Munnee Begum dated the 5th October in answer to the above.

After Compliments as usual I have received this day two letters from your Highness the one relating to the Affairs of Meer Mahomed Ally brother of the Nabob accompanied by a Derkhast the other relating to 48,000 Rs. in dispute between Besumber & Sookmun & have understood their Contents. The Courts of Justice are Shut on account of the Holidays of course there are no sittings in Appeal, when they shall be resumed the Papers in Mahomed Ally's Case will be inspected & Orders appropriate to the Occasion will be issued.

With respect to the 48,000 Rs. much Conversation passed on Monday between your Highness & me on the Subject and on the close of our Conference your Highness again & again distinctly expressed to me, that you had under a report made by Sookmun your treasurer considered this money to belong to you, but as the Nabob inuted [insisted ?] that it was Besumbers money & borrowed of him you no longer thought you had any Claim to it and did not deem it expedient to have any Contest or altercation regarding this money & under this assurance from your Highness I conceived the Claim would not again be asserted. The Commands I now receive from your Highness in writing are in direct contradiction to the verbal Communication we had, & altho' in conformity to the directions you now give I certainly shall not pay this money to any one I entreat you to observe that this money was sent from Calcutta for the express purpose of paying the Nabobs debts. It would be injurious to the Government as well as unprofitable to the Claimant to keep this money locked up without paying off the Debts as directed, nevertheless I shall take no Steps for two or three days in the hope that within that space the contested Claim may be adjusted but if it should not I shall feel it incumbent to report all the Circumstances attaching to the Case to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General & await his orders in consequence.

No. 3.

Enclosure No. 3.

Translation of a Letter to His Highness the Nabob dated 5th October 1808.

I went on Monday last the 3d Instant to the Kellah to pay my respects to Her Highness the Begum & after discussing some Subjects connected with Orders I had received from Government the Conversation turned upon the Objection started by Sookmun to the discharge of the Claim asserted by Besumber. Her Highness said that under the report from Sookmun she had conceived the money in question belonged to the Dewry, but as your Highness had informed her that the money was Besumber's from whom you had received it, it necessarily followed it could not belong to her. On hearing this I conceived that Objection no longer subsisted on the part of the Begum to discharging Besumber's Claim and if he had attended with his Bond or Voucher on the following day I should have paid him accordingly.

I receive today a letter from Her Highness the Begum forbidding me to pay this money to any one until I should hear from her again the Tenor of this Letter is in direct Contradiction of what fell from her lips which naturally excites in my mind surprize not wholly devoid of Mistrust.* I send for your Information Copy of the Begums Letter & of my answer and I respectfully submit that as this money was sent from Calcutta for the express purpose of paying you Debts & as some of the Creditors have had their money & there are funds to pay all the rest if instead of paying them the money is to remain locked up it will be injurious as well to the Government as to the Parties concerned, if the matter can be settled in two or three days it is well if not I must report fully on the Case to Government which I mention that you may act accordingly.

No. 4.

Enclosure No. 4.

Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob dated & received on the 10th of October 1808.

After the usual Compliments & a recapitulation of the Contents of my letter of the 5th of the month submitted above His Highness writes your Letter to the above effect has excited considerable surprize. The Sentiment expressed to you in Conversation by the Begum that the money doth not appertain to the Dewry is very just & you very reasonably inferred that Her Highness would not interfere in that which is Besumbers right, and I have still reason to apprehend that the Begum is yet of the same mind for such a [variability?] of Opinion does not attach to her Character, but if self

*Note: In explanation of this expression ("Mistrust") I must observe that the sentiments which are in conversation imparted by the Begum I must consider as genuine but as Her Highness neither reads nor writes it is for consideration whether Confidence equally implicit is to be given to what comes in the form of a letter under her Seal, there is room for the Intrigues of Omlah and this is not the only Instance in which I have lately had ground to suspect artifice & deception in that respect.

interested Persons have caused a letter to be written to you to forbid Payment of the money to any one & have endeavoured to persuade her that the property of another belongs to the Dewry in contradiction to the opinion she had before expressed certainly it affords ground for Doubt & Mistrust. I before informed the Begum & you which I now repeat that the Money in question was borrowed of Besumber & the bond delivered to him. Sookmun has no Concern in the Transaction Roy Roy Chund & Joynaut Mutsuddies of the Department know this full well but Besumber chose to have the bond in the name of another or that of his first Cousin Self interested Persons hearing the Bond was in the name of Sookmun availing themselves of that Circumstance pretend that the money belonged to the Dewry. You are well aware that Juggut Seet, Meer Solimaun Khaun, Besumber & others of my Creditors have been constantly pressing for the payment of their Claims which occasioned me infinite personal anxiety. Sookmun during 37 years* never asserted any Claim or demand or made any Representation whilst Besumber frequently pressed for payment of this 48,000 Rs. for which a Bond was given in the name of Sookmun in Short your Idea that the money is Besumbers is well founded, how can I convince the Begum on this point & satisfy her that the money appertains not to the Dewry, but if you should pay the money to any one except to Besumber such Payment cannot be carried to the account of my Debts, as I shall ultimately have to pay it Besumber, therefore if you have any doubts as to telling him receive the money let the liquidation of this Item of debt lie over altogether, if Sookmun sets up any Claim on me & can by any Voucher or Document establish that he has supplied any Resources for my use means will be adopted to satisfy him.

*Meaning the term of His Highnesses life.

No. 5.

Enclosure No. 5.

Translation of a letter from Her Highness the Begum dated the 9th of October 1808.

After Compliments and a recapitulation of the Contents of my letter of the 5th Instant Her Highness writes—It is very true that on that day we had much Conversation on the Subject of the Rs. 48,000 and I stated to you all the particulars that Roy Monick Chund deceased, had from the Treasury in charge of Sookmun my Cazanchee taken this money to liquidate the Old Debts & appears the Clamors of Creditors of the Nabob & had carried it to the Nabob's account accordingly, therefore this money is mine Besumber could not possess resources to lend so considerable a Sum, but you appeared disposed to favor the Pretensions of Besumber & disinclined to pay attention to my representation, therefore I subsequently addressed you in writing, desiring the Money might not be paid until you should hear from me again, as to the Nobab's assertion that the money was received from Besumber who is Besumber but the Cash Keeper? Roy Monick Chund on the 3d of October 1807 gave you a detailed account of all the Creditors carrying Rs. 24,000 to the account of Besumber & Rs. 48,000 separately to that of Sookmun let me desire you to refer to these accounts of which I have Copies I am not informed as to what has occurred since the demise of Monick Chund or what report has been transmitted as to the principal of the Debts or as to Interest accruing thereon, or what Orders have been issued. Now the money is arrived I understand the Governor General has directed it shall be applied to the discharge of the Nabob's debts & you have stated that Besumber has a Bond for the Sum in question I have more than once expressed a wish to see this Bond, but it has not been sent to me—You are well aware that Roy Monick Chund had the Conduct of my affairs and the Management of those of the Nizamut & when money was wanted for occasional pressing exigencies of the latter it was advanced from my Treasury & it was replaced when the stipend was issued Besumber possessed not Resources that he can claim such a Sum for he was indebted to me fifteen thousand Rupees from his Russoom &ca. about two thousand have been paid & there still remains thirteen thousand Rupees to be discharged—as his Claim on the Nobab stands 24,000 Rs. friendship & attention to my Interests will induce you to deduct therefrom for me this balance of Rs. 13,000. It does not appear to me at all necessary to trouble the Right Hon'ble the Governor General on such an Occasion as this but you will act in that respect as you may think proper as the accounts which Roy Monick Chund gave you in October have been submitted. Government have full means of Information on the Subject & whatever Orders they issue will be carried into effect.

No. 6.

Enclosure No. 6.

Translation of a Letter to the Begum dated 14th October 1808.

After the usual Compliments I have received your Letter respecting the 48,000 Rs. & have understood what you have been pleased to impart especially with regard to my appearing disposed to favor the Claims & Pretensions of Besumber. The Payment to Besumber of the money and the withholding it from Sookmun must equally be to me matter of perfect Indifference I wish it to be paid to the Party who shall appear in Justice entitled to it My Mind can have no brass on the Occasion—When the Claimant & the Party to Whom the Claim attaches are both in one opinion what Interference of mine can avail this I submit to the Consideration of your Highness. How can I be supposed or said to be partial to the Pretensions of Besumber. Poorun Chund did once mention that you wished to see the Bond in Sookmun's name, & I proposed at the time to send you the Copy thereof which was deposited in my Office, but as you wrote me prohibiting Payment being made thereon to any one I deferred the transmission but I now send it herewith for your Inspection I have frequent reference to the accounts which were delivered in by Roy Monick Chund & find between them & the bond an exact Correspondence, conformably to your Intimation I shall report on the Subject to Government & await such Orders as may be issued, I have understood what you are pleased to write touching the attachment from

Besumber of Rs. 13,000 for liquidation of the Claim of your Highness. Your Letter of the 9th was delivered to me on the 11th of this month on the 8th Instant I delivered to Besumber an assignment on the Collector for Rs. 24,000 due on bond in his own name which assignment I understand was paid by the Collector on the 10th Instant, as he has been paid in full I do not possess the means of withholding any part of his Claim neither without the express Sanction of Government could I at any time have withheld any part of what they had ordered should be paid, but if I had previously had any Information of your Highnesses wishes I should have endeavoured to obtain their accomplishment now it is wholly out of my power. Moreover Besumber attended me on the 12th Instant & I mentioned your Claim upon him for Rs. 13,000 of which he affected to be quite ignorant.

No. 7.

Enclosure No. 7.

Translation of a Letter from Her Highness the Begum dated 17th received on the 18th of October 1808.

I have received your Letter of the 14th October with the Copy of the Bond for Rs. 48,000 in the name of Sookmun which I have inspected—you will attentively consider who has a just Claim to this money I know not how this Interest of 1 Per Cent was fixed or by whom the Bond was made out or how it came into Besumbers possession. You now intimate that conformably to my desire you shall report to Government on this Subject. In your letter of the 5th of October you said that if the difference should not be settled in a few days you should transmit a Report thereon. In my answer I observed that it did not appear to me necessary or expedient to trouble the Governor General upon the Occasion, but that you might act as you thought proper. I have therefore not pressed this matter on the notice of Government, as to Besumbers pleading Ignorance of my Claim upon him I have received already from him Rs. 2,000 in part of the demand & I shall recover the Rs. 13,000 Still due I entreat you to take no trouble or Concern in the matter.

No. 8.

Enclosure No. 8.

Translation of a Letter addressed to the Begum on the 19th of October 1808.

I have received & fully understood your Highnesses Letter in answer to my last stating that you have not desired any report to be made to Government on the Subject of the Rs. 48,000 claimed by Besumber Government are already in Possession of a detailed Statement of all the Nabob's Debts as well those of long standing as those which were recently contracted. " Very lately I have again submitted a particular List thereof and at that time in consequence of doubts occurring by Besumbers bringing forward a Bond in the name of Sookmun I made very particular enquiry on the Subject as well of His Highness the Nabob himself as of his Officers and conformably to the Result of such enquiries I reported in particular detail of explanation to Government and received in consequence Instructions as to the Payments to be made to each particular Person this 48,000 Rs. was included in the order issued to me but in consequence of the Claim set up by Sookmun I delayed paying it to Besumber, on the 3d of October when I attended your Highness all my doubts were dispelled & I felt disposed to pay the money to Besumber, but as on the 5th of the Month I received your Commands desiring that I would suspend Payment until I should hear again from you I have felt it necessary to report the matter to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General & therefore mentioned to you such my Intention. Now you are pleased to state that such is not your desire, but to my mind the measure appears indispensably requisite that I should forward Copies of all the Correspondence that has passed on this matter, because it appears a Concern of Government who sent the money up that it might be paid in Satisfaction of the Claim of Besumber, but as your Highness has expressly forbidden such Payment I cannot without your Concurrence pay it to any one nor can I without authority send it back, but if you should revoke your Prohibition & authorize the Payment to Besumber the Necessity for a report will be superseded I see no other alternative to suffer the money to remain unappropriated would Subject the Government to Loss.

Enclosure No. 9.

Statement shewing the amount and date of Payments made by the Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad, under assignments granted, in discharge of the personal Debts of His Highness the Nabob Mobareck oo Dowlah Vizt.

August	30th	To Chunderbaun in full for principal & Interest	12,921- 9- 0	
Sept.	1	To Kissoree Sing do. do.	21,200- 0- 0	
	2	To Juggut Seet do. do.	93,332- 2-19	1,27,453-11-19
Sept.	23d	To Nekuddum the principal of a Bond	20,000- 0- 0	
Oct.	10	To Besumber Dhur do. do.	24,000- 0- 0	
		To Mirza Ally Baksh do. do.	5,125- 0- 0	
		To Mirza Buksh Ally in full	56,860- 0- 0	
		To Amber Ally Khaun	18,068-14- 5	1,24,053-14- 5
		Total amount paid here	Sa. Rs.	2,51,507-10- 4
		Remains to be paid in Calcutta		
		To the heirs of Rajah Looknaut	32,000- 0- 0	
		To Do. of Meer Solimaun Khan	22,325- 0- 0	54,325- 0- 0
		The Sum for which the Nabob will be accountable to Government exclusive of Rs. 48,000, due to Besumber Dhur on a Bond		3,05,832-10- 4

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T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

Moorshedabad,
the 24th October 1808.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—In Continuation of my Letters of the 2d of September and 12th Instant I have the honor to Submit to your Consideration Copy & Translation of a letter from Meer Aubool Hossain in consequence of my referring to him the Servants of the family of the Nabob Khulleel Oolah Khaun who come every Sunday to me & are very clamorous & intimating my desire that he would pay them their arrears of Wages which I considered him fully competent to do from the produce of property lately sold & from her being still in the receipt of an allowance of Rs. 100 Per mensem drawn from the Nizamut as Agent for Khulleel Oolah Khaun as a Pension to the Widow of Shahzadah Daood who is said to have accompanied him to Persia.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 25th October 1808.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

Enclosure

Translation of a Letter from Meer Aubool Hossain dated the 19th received on the 20th of October 1808.

After the usual Compliments. So long as the Nabob Khulleel Oolah Khaun remained here he managed his own Affairs but on going to Persia he appointed me his Agent with full powers & presented me as such to their Highnesses the Nabob & Begum, from that time my endeavors have been exerted to promote the Welfare & Interests of the Nabob & his family. Now the Stipend hitherto allowed by Government to the Nabob has been curtailed in its amount and I have been required to give in my accounts. Without demur or any reference to the Nabob aforesaid I submitted the accounts with a Statement of balances due to the Dependents of the family. Under what authority have you called for these, & what Document has been received from the Nabob Khulleel Oolah Khaun that you consider me as standing indebted to him when at the Instance of any one you seek my Downfall what resource have I ? Hitherto under the Protection of the Company & the favor of the Nabob I have lived with Credit & Character & until the Dependents of the family shall be paid the balances due to them respectively their Importunity to me will not cease & without especial authority from Khulleel Oolah Khaun himself I do not feel that I can discharge any of the Servants or discontinue the usual expenses of the family neither can I without his Sanction make over to any Person the family Mansion at Akeram Gunge & the furniture & other (illegible) you & the Nabob are the Rulers & your Orders must be obeyed.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th of last month & in conformity to the Instructions therein issued I addressed the Munnee Begum on the Subject of the erroneous quotation in the reply from Her Highness to the Governor General's letter of the 25th July. She writes me in answer that she had fully understood the exact meaning of Her Lordships letter in the Sense conveyed by the explanation & had last given, & that the Error in her transcript arose from the Circumstance of her Moonshee having been indisposed & that a Stranger was employed to write the letter who erroneously introduced the negative expression, which so materially varied the Construction. From what dropped in conversation with His Highness the Nabob he appeared to have understood in their due Sense the Expressions used in His Lordships letter of the 25th July, & to him no explanation was necessary & he has not to this time intimated expectation of receiving any further reply to the letter forwarded by me on the 30th of August.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 28th October 1808.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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Major Fleming at Berhampore.

Sir,—I have to inform you that the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council has been pleased to issue directions to the Collector of Moorshedabad, to advance you the Sum of 5,100 Rupees the amount stated in your Estimate which Accompanied your Letter to me of the 15th Instant to be required for clearing and levelling the Ground Contiguous to the Palace, the money is to be issued in Such proportions and at Such times as you may require it and I have been desired to give you directions to Commence on the Work & to execute it with all practicable dispatch.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 31st October 1808.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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W. Egerton Esqr.,
Accountant General, Fort William.

Sir,—In conformity to Instructions from Government I transmit you herewith, a receipt in duplicate of the Collector of Moorshedabad for the Sum of Sa. Rs. 3,500 paid him by me on behalf of His Highness the Nabob Mobarek oo Dowlah, on account of Interest and for gradually progressive liquidation of a Sum advanced by Government on Account of His Highness.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 31st October 1808.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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T. L. N. Sturt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In the month of September last the late Collector was advised by Government of a new arrangement had taken place in the distribution & appropriation of a Stipend of Rs. 1,000 Per mensem enjoyed by the Nabob

Khulleel Oolah Kahun, of the Stipend one half was resumed altogether, and of Rs. 500 remaining Rs. 200 were allotted for the maintenance of a Grandchild & the support of some of the Servants & dependents of the family & to be paid for that purpose to the Nabob's brother Meer Munglee & Rs. 300 to be carried by the Collector to the credit of Government and to be remitted to the Resident at Bushire for the benefit of Khulleel Oolah Khaun who is supposed to reside at Ispahan.

2. I have now to inform you that under a report from my Office of date the 12th Instant stating that Meer Aubool Hossain the Agent at this place of Khulleel Oolah Khaun had for the last 14 or fifteen years received an allowance of Rs. 100 Per mensem from the Nizamut standing in the accounts of the department as a Pension for the Widow of Shahzadah Daood & the mother of Mirza Julill & forming a part of those Pensions which are declared to be hereditary by the Resolutions of Government of the 3d of September 1790. The Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council has been pleased to determine that this Sum of Rs. 100 P. mensem hitherto received by Aubool Hossain shall no longer be paid to him but must for the present be retained in the hands of the Collector & be added to the remittance of Rs. 300 P. mensem which it is intended to make thro' the Resident at Bushire making the whole monthly remittance Rs. 400.

3. It is not improbable that Orders to the same effect as what I received yesterday on this Subject may have already reached the Collectors Office still being uninformed on that point I have deemed it necessary to give you notice of the additional feature in the arrangement to prevent the disburse on the Issue of the Stipend for October of the hundred Rupees further ordered to be carried to Credit of Government.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, T. Pattle,
the 31st October 1808. *Supt. Nizt. Affrs.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward herewith Letters addressed to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General by their Highnesses the Nabob & the Munnee Begum on the Occasion of the demise of the Nabob Rostum Jung; on which Subject I reported in considerable length of detail in my address to you of date the 19th Instant, in continuation thereof, I have now to state that by more accurate enquiry subsequently made, it appears the Nabob Rostum Jung has left Issue one daughter born the body of Begum Sharoke (who Survives him) Granddaughter of the late Salia Begum, two Sons & two daughters Infants born of Concubines & also that one of his Concubines was at the time of Rostum Jung's death far advanced in Pregnancy a circumstance which may be considered not wholly undeserving of notice when any final arrangement is adopted as to the appropriation of the Stipend which he enjoyed. His Highness the Nabob in a Letter I received from him yesterday notices the Omission in his former detail of the Children left by Rostum Jung and ascribes it to the great affliction he was under at the moment which prevented his making accurate and particular enquiry.

I have reason to think the late Rostum Jung died possessed of considerable property, but nothing is said to me on the Subject by either the Nabob or Begum or by their respective Officers, who are probably endeavoring to get hold of that, which if duly applied would certainly afford a comfortable provision for the Children left, without their becoming burthensome on any branch of the Nizamut. The property which Rostum Jung has left, is said to be that which he acquired on his marriage with Hossainy Begum & subsequently thro' her & as she was the Sister of the Nabobs father the Nabob may conceive that he has the best Claim thereto, at present I hear the property is under attachment of the Nabob's people & that his arizbeegy & one of the Begums principal Officers are jointly employed in making an Inventory of the Effects.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, T. Pattle,
the 31st October 1808. *Supt. Nizt. Affrs.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 28th ultimo enclosing Extract of Proceedings of the Governor General in Council in the Revenue Department & having made the Communication enjoined to the Nabob I have received a Letter from His Highness expressive of his grateful Sense of His Lordship's Kindness in the additional mark of the favor of Government & of attention to his personal Comfort and accommodation. The Nabob wished me to enquire if any writings or Deeds would be delivered & made over to him to enable him to ascertain the extent of what was obtained & to establish the validity of his Title in the event of any future attempts of Parties to contest it. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad, T. Pattle,
the 5th November 1808. *S. N. A.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 17th ultimo regarding the liquidation of the Debt due from the Nabob to Nussur-Oolah Khaun & the Surrender of the Jewels deposited as security for the same.

2. In answer to my enquiry His Highness has written to me to say that it will not be at all convenient to send the Keeper of his Jewels to Calcutta to identify & receive the articles in deposit, & that it is his wish that they should be examined & delivered here.

3. The Jewels are held in deposit by the firm of Baretto to whom His Highness yesterday whilst I was with him addressed (at the Instance of Nussur Oolah

Khaun) a Purwannah desiring they might be surrendered to Nussur Oolah on his paying the Sum lent upon them.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 6th November 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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N. Sturt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to Send you herewith three thousand five hundred Sicca Rupees (Sa. Rs. 3,500) being so much received from His Highness the Nabob in liquidation of money advanced for him by Government I request to be favored with your receipt as usual in duplicate.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 7th November 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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C. Doyly Esqr.,
Collector of Dacca.

Sir,—At the earnest and particular Instance of His Highness the Nabob Mobarek oo Dowlah I have the honor to transmit enclosed a Letter from him to you address on the Subject of a proposed Sale of Lands in which His Highness has been given to understand a portion of Land belonging to him has by mistake been included in the allotment.

On the 11th of last Month, I addressed Government on the Subject but have not yet received any answer & as it is Stated to the Nabob that the Sale is announced for the 1st of Aughun or 14th Instant, it appeared there was no time for further delay in making you acquainted with His Highnesses Sentiments.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 8th November 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I request Permission to report for the Information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General that His Highness the Nabob surrendered to me on Saturday last the 5th Instant the Possession of my house in the City the Occupancy of which he has had ever since the 17th of August 1807 ; near fifteen months, for the last seven of which he has himself resided at Nishitbaug & my house remained inhabited by the Females of his Zenanah. From the description of Servants entertained by Natives of Rank it could not be expected that much care would be taken of my furniture & property even whilst it was under the Nabob's immediate eye but when it was left with his Women of course it would be wholly neglected and suffer not only from such neglect but from material abuse on that part of the Tenants. I respectfully submit to Government how far I may be thought to have a Claim on their Liberality for remuneration for loss sustained by that which on my part may be considered as an official contingency, inevitable by me & reported immediately as it occurred to my Superiors.

2. I deem it further incumbent to State in this place that the house which was built at the expense of Government in 1803 has during the five years which have elapsed since it was finished never Subjected them to the expense of one single Rupee for the care of it or for repairs of any description, of course each rainy Season some trifling expense has been incurred by me, but I did not deem such separately of sufficient consequence to induce me to intrude with a Contingent bill. Now after so great a lapse of time the house is in such a State that I feel it my duty to report what appears to be indispensably necessary together with an estimate of the probable expense that will be incurred from the best Information I can obtain.

Painting within & without which is most essentially wanted it was not well done when built & is now in very bad State this may be done for ... Rs. 350

White washing all over ...		Rs. 120
Repairs to the roof & Cornices estimated at	65	
Do. to the Parapet Wall Palisades & brick Pillars surrounding the premises ...	58	Rs. 123
Total of disburse require for painting and repairs ...	Sa. Rs.	593

3. I request the Permission of Government to disburse an amount not exceeding the above for painting White washing & other absolutely requisite repairs to the house in the City allowed me for an office.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 9th November 1808.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affrs.*

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W. Egerton Esqr.,
Accountant General, Fort William.

Sir,—In conformity to the Instructions I had received I transmitted to your office on the 31st of October & 8th Instant receipts of the Collector Zillah Moorshedabad in duplicate for two payments each of Sa. Rs. 3,500 in partial liquidation by His Highness the Nabob of sums advanced by Government for the discharge of his Debts.

I have now received a letter from the Secretary to Government in the Political Department which directs that the monthly receipts of the Collector for the Instalments paid by the Nabob under agreement are instead of being transmitted to your Office to be delivered to the Nabob as vouchers for payments made by His Highness to render such Documents complete in number & value I have to request you will return to me for the Nabobs use the receipts which I sent to you for the Instalments paid in the lapsed & present month.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 14th November 1808.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affrs.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit Copy & Translation of a letter received yesterday from His Highness the Nabob—On the Subject of his wishes I have permission to refer you to my address of the 27th of June last.

The Nabob sent Sohun Loll to me with the letter of which copy is now submitted, the man appears extremely ill & not in a condition to perform a long Journey, he is only recently returned from his deputation to the Kishnagur district to adjust certain boundaries of contested lands with the Collectors Officers & is now preparing his report & accounts previous to proceeding to Jessore on a similar duty.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 14th November 1808.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nizt. Affrs.

Enclosure

Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob dated 12th & received the 13th November 1808.

Sometime ago Ramsoonder Bonerjea caused Sohun Loll to be summoned to give evidence in the Supreme Court in a cause relating to an Indigo factory & in the month of Assar the said Sohun Loll went to Calcutta, & answered Interrogatories [put] to him by Mr. Taylor an attorney employed in the action. Now he is again cited to appear before the Court, his going to Calcutta will be a serious Inconvenience and Interruption to matters relating to my Rumnahs besides which he labors under severe Indisposition, therefore I trouble you to obtain a revocation of the order issued for his attendance which I shall esteem as a favor.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st Ultimo and have now to inform you that Syed Nudjuff Ally has executed an agreement for effecting certain repairs & buildings as detailed in Paragraph 6 of my letter of the 20th October on the terms & condition stated in the seventh Paragraph of the same address, and Ally Baksh has, by a written engagement, become security for the due performance thereof. In consequence I have to request that Instructions may be issued as early as practicable for supplying the requisite advances because Nudjuff Ally represents that sum presses very much, as whilst the river is falling so rapidly all those who have Timbers for sale are sending them on to Calcutta hence it becomes essential that the first advance of Rs. 40,000 should be made immediately —and I shall be careful that subsequent advances shall be regulated according to the Intentions expressed in your letter.

I shall communicate to Her Highness the Begum the substance of the observations in your letter on her opposition to the general arrangement proposed for the repairs to her apartment & those of the families whom she considers under her immediate superintendence.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 14th November 1808.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nizt. Affrs.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—In continuation of my address of Yesterday I have the honor to report to you for the Information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council that under the authority conveyed, and discretion vested in me the 8th Paragraph of your Command of the 12th September I have this day concluded Engagements of Contract for the remainder of the repairs and buildings described in Plans No. 10, 11, 13, 14, & 15 of the heads in Colonel Kyd's reports, subject always to the approval and Confirmation of Government.

The engagements in question are entered into by a man named Punchanund Choudry who was sent to me a few days ago by His Highness the Nabob as a person who had made proposals for undertaking the Job and who had been reported to him as proper and competent to the Business which is I have reason to think the Case, from the best Information I can obtain under particular enquiry made—Joynaut Ghose a Man of some note & respectability and for many years past principal Mohrir in the Nizamut Sheristah enters into Engagement as security for the due performance of Punchanunds undertaking.

The terms stipulated are Cost of a house for the two

Sons of the Nabob	10,000
Expense of rebuilding the Kitchen & offices dependent thereon	9,500
Sa. Rs.	19,500

These Items accord exactly with the abstract estimate submitted by Roy Monick Chund in December and with the amount assumed by Coll. Kyd in his report of the 10th May and therefore I had no hesitation in according to them.

Estimate for rebuilding the Feras Kannah Tosak Khaunah, Couch houses & repository for Palanquins &ca. &ca. &ca. ... Rs. 16,000

In Colonel Kyds report and abstract estimate he allows only for those several Items 15,000 Rupees but they will found detailed in the Estimates Submitted thro' me by Roy Monick Chund on the 2d of December 1807 at [as?] the sum now required & as Colonel Kyd in the body of his report, touching the Work generally, observed that the Estimates delivered Roy Monick Chund did not differ materially from his own and that therefore he considered the estimates of the Nabobs manager very fairly admissible and the Right Hon'ble the Governor General was pleased, in the 4 Paragraph your commands of the 23d May to adopt Coll. Kyd's recommendation and to direct

that the Estimates delivered by the Nizamut should be assumed as the scale in which the repairs and buildings should be conducted I did not deem it with [worth?] while to contend for the trifling difference now noticed especially as the contractor expressed himself decidedly unwilling to make any abatement in the general charge & I have had no other offers from any quarter whatever altho' I have by every practicable means in my power given the utmost publicity to the Intentions of Government as to the nature & extent of the Works to be carried on—a further Inducement with me for including the Engagement forthwith was that the season is elapsing very fast, there will be in a very short time much enhancement of piece [price] and difficulty in providing materials, especially the articles most essential Timber & Chunam for which reason I am anxious to receive as early as practicable your answer to this reference with the sanction of Government to apply to the Collector for funds to commence on the Work, if the Engagements I have made with Punchanund Chowdry shall be approved and confirmed which I would strongly recommend because I see no prospect of obtaining offers of a more eligible nature from parties at all responsible. The periods of advances stipulated in the Engagements now made are regulated by the suggestion of Major Fleming in answer to my former inquiry Vizt.

On executing the Contract the Party is to receive	...	Rs. 12,000
On half the work being completed	...	12,000
On the whole being finished ...	...	11,500
	Total Sa. Rs.	35,500

-I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 15th November 1808.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affrs.*

[306]

J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge receipt on the 17th of your Letter of the 13th Instant giving cover to Translation of a Memorial from Keramut son of the late Kooar Mohabut Sing and calling on me to report thereon I have in consequence the honor to transmit Extract from the Proceedings and report of the Nizamut Committee appointed in 1801 which appears to give full & complete explanation on the subject of inquiry.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 19th November 1808.

T. Pattle, *Supt. N. Affrs.*

Extract of Proceedings of the Nizamut Commitie appointed 24th December 1801.

In Statement No. 1 of appendix to the Committees Proceedings submitted by the Officers of their Highnesses the Nobab & Begum Roy Monick Chund on the 16th April 1802 which Statement accompanied the Committees report to Government of the 9th of November and which is said to exhibit the detail of Nizamut Establishment sanctioned by the Governor General in Council on the 14th Nov. 1796 the Pension of Koar Mohabut Sing stands at Per Mensem Rupees 40.

In Statement No. 3 of appendix proposing Resumptions and Reductions of Establishment which statement accompanied the report of 9 November 1802 the Resumption of this Pension wholly is proposed because the Committee observe "It is not included in Mr. (illegible) plan of Establishment but stands in Sir John Haringtons at its present Rate being thus of recent Establishment and no specific duty attaching to the incumbent on the general principle of the necessity for oeconomy and a reduction of expense the Committee recommend its resumption."

When the general Statement of Resumptions was submitted to the Nabob for his approbation and concurrence whilst he acquiesced in some wholly, and proposed modification of other retrenchments, as will particularly appear by reference to statement marked E of accompanyments to the report of 9th November on the proposed resumption of Koar Mohabut Sings Pension he says "Exclusive of this the above named (Mohabut Sing) has no means of Subsistence. He was recommended by several friends and is not a proper object for removal."

Statement No. 11 of accompanyments to the Committees report of 9th November 1802 shews in detail the result of their ultimate Deliberation. On a review of the Resumption and Retrenchments they had proposed after due consideration had to objections urged by him in support of such objection The Pension of Koar Mohabut Sing will be found Item No. 21 of Statement No. 11 above quoted as an accompanyment to report of 9 November 1802 and opposed thereto is found this remark "The Committee adhere to the arrangement they proposed in this article."

It is only necessary to add that this Resumption forms part of the Plan approved by the Government and adopted under their orders of the 1st of February last the operation effect of which Commenced with the Bengal year 1215 or 11th of April 1808 the period at which the Petitioner states his allowance has been discontinued.

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward a Letter to your address from Lolla Bolanaut Roy Naib Dewan of the Nizamut & am with respect.—Your etc.

Moorshedabad, the 23d November 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 26th Instant & enclose under Cover herewith the original acknowledgement executed by Joseph and Lewis Baretto on the 15th of April 1799 which was deposited in my Office by Nusseroolah Khaun the

receipt they require will of course be executed by the person to whom they may Surrender the Sealed Packet deposited with them on receiving the money they advanced.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 28th November 1808.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affrs.*

[309]

D. Campbell Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In consequence of Information received from the Secretary to Government in the Political Department that you have been authorized to pay me six hundred & seventy three Rupees on account the use of my furniture by His Highness the Nabob. I enclose my receipts in duplicate for that amount & request it may be paid to the bearer.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 5th December 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

Moorshedabad 5th December 1808 Received of D. Campbell Esqr. Collector of Moorshedabad the Sum of six hundred & seventy three Rupees (Rs. 673) being so much allowed me by Government for the use of my furniture by the Nabob Mobarek oo dowlah & the Wear and Tear thereof during 15th Months that His Highness occupied my house in the City.

T. Pattle, *N. Supt.*

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David Campbell Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to send you herewith three thousand five hundred (Sa. Rs. 3,500) being so much received from His Highness the Nabob in liquidation of money advanced for him by Government. I request to be favored with your receipt as usual in duplicate. —I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 5th December 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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Sir C. R. Blunt Bart.,
Magistrate of Zillah Beerbhoom.

Sir,—I had the honor to receive your Letters of the 25th & 28th of last Month with their enclosures which I lost not a moment in transmitting to His Highness the Nabob and I have now the pleasure to enclose you Copy of the answer I have just received from him on the Subject thereof.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 6th December 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

[312]

N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—In conformity to the Instructions which I received from you under date the 17th of October, I forwarded to the Office of the Accountant General the receipt of the Collector of Zilla Moorshedabad for two payments of three thousand five hundred Rupees each made by His Highness the Nabob from his Privy Purse towards liquidation of his Debt incurred to Government, since which the 4th Paragraph of your orders of the 31st of October direct that the Collectors Receipts shall be delivered to the Nabob. I have accordingly this day sent him the receipts of the Collector of Moorshedabad for Sa. Rs. 3,500 account his third Instalment (being for the month of November) paid into the treasury yesterday. I have at the same time informed His Highness that the receipts for the last two payments made for September & October have been transmitted to Calcutta, (under an arrangement which has been rescinded since) & that I have made application for their being returned to me that I may be transmitting them make his file of vouchers complete for the payments hitherto made.

2. I take the liberty to trouble you with the Copy of a letter I addressed the Accountant General on the 14th ultimo & as he has not condescended to give me any answer, he may perhaps be waiting to receive Instructions from you or may consider my application to him irregular.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 6th December 1808.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affrs.*

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Sir C. R. Blunt Bart.,
Judge & Magistrate of Zillah Beerbhoom.

Sir,—I had the pleasure to write you on the 6th Instant in answer to your references of the 25th & 28th of last month, and I sent you a Copy of the answer I had received from His Highness the Nabob on my submitting to him the Papers you had forwarded to me.

2. I have now to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th Instant which arrived with me yesterday at too late an hour to admit of my writing the Nabob on the subject, but thro' my Moonshee I sent him a verbal Communication of the Substance of your letter, and desired he would order Lolla Sohun Loll to attend me with any other officer of his or person likely to give me information on the subject connected with your representation.

3. I have this day addressed His Highness in terms the most decided & peremptory expressive of my concern and Surprize at the Outrages committed by his People or at least by People who affect to act in his name and under Sanction of authority derived from him. I have strongly warned him of the consequences that must ensue from such unwarrantable Conduct & have required him to issue immediate & peremptory orders for the

indiscriminate recall of every emissary of whatever description that may have been deputed to Beerbhoom for the purpose of claiming Rumnah Lands that their Conduct may undergo the strictest Investigation & every proper measure be speedily adopted to make prompt & ample reparation for any Outrages they may have committed & for Injury sustained thereby by individuals ; The answer I may receive on the Subject shall be forthwith communicated to you in the meantime Lalla Sohun Loll whom the Nabob sent to me this morning disclaims most positively all knowledge of the transaction & all participation thereon & says he has sent no people whatever into the Beerbhoom district of the Business of Rumnahs or any other matter, & I understand from one of the Nabob's Moonshees that positive orders of recall were long since issued to some people who were deputed by another Aumeen to ascertain the position of the land claimed as Rumnah & said to be usurped & the possession of the Zemindars & Landholders in Beerbhoom. I shall get further and more accurate Information shortly on this score which I shall without delay submit to you.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 8th December 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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R. Thackeray Esqr.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 2d Instant enclosing two Bonds executed by His Highness the Nabob Mobareck oo Dowlah for Sa. Rs. 32,000 cancelled by the Manager for the Estate of Rajah Lokenaut Deceased.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 10th December 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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Shearman Bird Esqr.,
Senior Judge of Appeal & Circuit, Dacca.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 2d Instant enclosing a Letter addressed to me by the Nabob Shumsud Dowlah & now beg to trouble you with my answer thereto.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 10th December 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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Sir C. R. Blunt Bart.,
Judge & Magistrate of Zillah Beerbhoom.

Sir,—In continuation of my letter of the 8th Instant I have now to forward you Copy of a Letter received from His Highness the Nabob in answer to the representation which I informed you I had made to him on the receipt of yours of the 4th Current & I trust the explanation he has given will appear to you satisfactory & that as all his People are withdrawn you will easily restore good order in such parts of the district as Irregularities had prevailed.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 10th December 1808.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nt. Affrs.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—Having in conformity to the orders received in the 4th Paragraph of your Letter of the 4th of October last delivered to His Highness the Nabob the several Bonds & Vouchers received from such of his Creditors whose demands were discharged here, as also two Bonds received from the Board of Revenue cancelled for money due & paid to the managers of the Estate of the late Rajah Lokenaut. I have the honor to enclose Copies of two separate acknowledgements taken from His Highness for the payment in question the one dated September 1st for Sa. Rs. 2,51,507-10-4* the other bearing date the 2d of December for Sa. Rs. 32,000 with conditions of payment conformably to the Spirit of the general Instructions issued You will have the goodness to inform me if the original Vouchers are to remain in deposit with me.—I have etc.

* for this sum see my letter of the 24th October 1808.

Moorshedabad, the 10th December 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th of October on the Subject of affording accommodation to the Nabob Syed Moortezah Khaun Behader conformably to the tenor of which I immediately addressed him and I have now the honor to enclose Copy of his answer to me with a Translation & request to be favored with the orders of Government on the subject of the Stoppage which has been made by the Collector during the Months of September October & November of five hundred Rupees from the Nabob Saidoos Stipend—As the Object of advancing Rs. 25,000 or any other Sum for building a house or accommodation for Syed Murteza Khaun or his family appears to be abandoned for the present at least I humbly apprehend it is not intended that the Stoppage of his Salary which was avowedly destined to reimburse Government for such advance should be made or continued & that its being still made by the Collector proceeds from the circumstance having been overlooked when you answered my former letters on this Subject.

I have made diligent enquiry but cannot hear of any house to be rented or purchased at all suited for the

accommodation of the Nabab Syed Murteza & his numerous family.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 12th December 1808.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affrs.*

Enclosure

Translation of a Letter from the Nabob Syed Murteza Khaun Behader dated—received on the 9th December 1808.

After recapitulating the Substance of my letter to him written on the 31st October in exact Conformity to the spirit of the communication of date the 17th received on the 31st of that month from the Secretary to Government in the Political Department the Nabob Saidoo adds.

I considered it as a distinguished mark of favor & instance of regard that the Right Hon'ble the Governor General has been pleased to direct that an House shall be hired adapted for my accommodation. From the long established friendship subsisting between my ancestors & the Company I had sanguine hope and expectation that the Sum intended to be allotted for the purpose would have been a free Gift, but as orders were issued to deduct Rs. 500 each month from my Stipend the Collector has since September last acted on that principle, which has caused infinite distress to those Merchants who having advanced money for my Support have gotten as Security for their Loans my Salary receipts until March 1810. Formerly thro' your favor orders were issued to lend me Rs. *25,000* now it is in my contemplation to hire or rent an house for my accommodation but I cannot understand on what score still a deduction is made of Rs. 500 monthly from my Salary, it is essential that you should make a representation on this Subject to the Governor General and obtain an Order to the Collector to refund to me the Sum of fifteen hundred Rupees which by three monthly Stoppages has been deducted from my Stipend for September, October, and November and that no more Stoppages may be made in future. I am looking out for an house suitable to my accommodation that I might conformably to the orders of Government agree for the (illegible) of the same but to this time have not found any house adapted. If you should hear of one I hope you will give me early Intimation & I trust to your efforts that some expedient may be adopted for the repair of my House thro' the favor of Government.

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D. Campbell Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Having been instructed by Government to apply to you for two advances, the one of forty thousand the other of twelve thousand Rupees to issue to certain persons who have contracted for buildings & repairs to be carried on in the Kellah ; I have now the pleasure to enclose you my receipts in duplicate for the half amount of these assignments, as I understand that it as much as accords with the state of your Treasury to advance at this moment. When you shall be so obliging as to inform me you can pay the other half I will send receipts for the same.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 14th December 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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J. Sherer Esqr.,
Civil Auditor, Fort William.

Sir,—Under Sanction of authority conveyed in a Letter from the Secretary to Government in the Political Department of date the 21st Ultimo I have the honor to transmit for audit a bill for disbursements incurred amounting to Rs. 594-15-6. Not having in the Nizamut Department any funds applicable to contingent disbursements I have from my private resources supplied the Outlay for which I now Solicit reimbursement which I mention to induce an early attention to my application.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 17th December 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

The Hon'ble Company . . . . . *Dr.*

To expense of painting, white washing & repairs to a House in the City the property of Government used as an Office for the Superintendent of Nizamut Affairs incurred under Sanction received from the Political Secretary to Government by his letter dated November 21st Vizt.

Painting done by agreement of Contract for	Sa. Rs. 350- 0-0
White washing the whole building and adjoining Offices	116-13-0
Repairs to the Roof & Cornices bricklayers labor & materials . . .	68-10-0
Repairs to the Parapet Wall wooden Palisades and square masonry Pillars connecting them	59- 8-6
	Sa. Rs. 594-15-6

E.E.

Moorshedabad, the 17th December 1808.

T. Pattle, *Supt. Nizt. Affrs.*

[321]

D. Campbell Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Understanding that the State of your Treasury admits of your paying the remaining half of the assignments granted for carrying on some buildings in the Kellah I have now the honor to enclose you my receipts & to request the amount in question may be paid to the bearer.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 19th December 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

Received of D. Campbell Esqr. Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad the Sum of twenty thousand Rupees (Sa. Rs. 20,000) in further part & in full of an advance of forty thousand Rupees ordered by Government to be Supplied for the purpose of carrying on certain buildings & repairs in the Kellah & its dependencies for which I have this day given my receipt in duplicate.

Moorshedabad, the 19th December 1808. — T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

And other for Rs. 6,000 in part of 12,000 Rs.

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt on the 13th of your Letter of the 10th Instant with its enclosures.

2. I received on the 7th the Letter from the Judge & Magistrate of Zillah Beerbhoom of date the 4th Instant Copy of which came enclosed in your favor & lost not a moment in addressing the Nobab in terms the most decided expressive of my Surprize & Concern at the outrages said to have been committed by People acting in his name & under Sanction of authority derived from him warning him of the consequences of such unjustifiable Conduct and requiring him to issue the most prompt (illegible) & peremptory orders for the indiscriminate recall of every emissary of whatever description that might have been deputed to Beerbhoom for the purpose of claiming Rumnah Lands that their Conduct might undergo strict Investigation & that every proper measure might be speedily adopted to make full enquiry & ample [re]paration for any Outrages committed or for Injury sustained by Individuals. Copy of my letter to His Highness of date the 8th Instant is enclosed for your Information No. 1.

3. I enclose also Copy of His Highnesses answer to me of date the 9th Instant of which I forwarded a transcript the next day to Sir Charles Blunt you will observe that His Highness positively disclaims having given any Sanction for the violent acts with which his People are charged. In pursuance of the plan laid down & arrangements adopted by Government His Highness above six months ago deputed an agent named Lalla Sohun Loll as a Serberakar for the purpose of acting in Concert with an Aumeen or other Officer appointed by the Collector to make due & regular enquiry with the view to consequent Adjustment of the contested Claims for Parks &ca. asserted by the Nizamut & resisted by the Zemindars & other Landholders to this Agent of His Highness I on the 23d of May last gave Letters introducting him to the Magistrates & Collectors of Nuddea & Jessore respectively I understood that in the Nuddea district the business of adjustment was in considerable forwardness but that nothing had been done in Jessore, & I always understood that the Mission of Sohun Loll was wholly confined to the Kistnagur & Jessore Districts. Sometime ago the Nabob informed me he had appointed Abdul Russool Khaun to examine & report on his Rumnah Lands in the Vicinity of Plassey but as he did not ask any letters of Introduction I gave more [none?] & from my knowledge of the Man's Character & the general report regarding him I did not conceive he would be guilty of any excess or improper acts. It now appears that Abdool Russool did not himself proceed into the Mofussil but deputed a Man named Gopaul Mozender as his Naib who had a Purwannah from the Nabob Stating the duty of enquiry & Investigation he was expected to perform and expressly warning him not to exercise any undue authority or to presume to take Possession of any lands belonging to the Zemindars, farmers or Riots not included within the limits of the Nizamut Rumnahs nor to make any disputes or Disturbances on pain of severest displeasure of the Nobab and of being made responsible in his own person for any improper acts committed by him or his People—about six or seven weeks ago some Complaints were made by the Managers of the Estate of the deceased Rajah Lokenaut that the People deputed to Plassey were conducting themselves improperly & on my representing the matter to the Nobab he immediately sent orders recalling Gopaul Mozendar who has remained here ever since under Restraint & the Nabob you will observe states that all his People were withdrawn at the same time thus it appears that exclusive of Lalla Sohun Loll & the Establishment allotted to him for the purpose before stated no Persons on the part of His Highness remained in the Mofussul on the Rumnah Deputation—The Nobab wholly disclaims all knowledge of or Communication with Guttee Bonerjea or Ramsoonder Roy the people mentioned by the Magistrate of Beerboom. Sohun Loll also positively disavows them & His Highness in consequence recommends that the Magistrate should apprehend them & proceed with them according to the Regulations & the powers vested in him for the general preservation of the peace. It appears therefore from the tenor of His Highnesses letter to me & the explanation now given that five days antecedent to the receipt by me of your letter of the 10th Instant the Nobab had fully complied with that which was required & expected of him with reference to the representation of the Judge & Magistrate of Beerbhoom in as much as His Highness had on the very first Intimation given him sent people to enquire and ascertain who these People were who were under Sa[n]ction of his name guilty of such unjustifiable acts and to apprehend & bring them away & further had in consequence of Sir Charles Blunts Letter given full explanation on the Subject of it by disavowing having sent any People to Beerbhoom or given any orders whatever regarding that district.

4. I have now to submit No. 3 Copy of my Letter of the 14th Instant written in consequence of the receipt of yours of the 18th stating the Substance of the Information which had been Submitted to Government by the Board of Revenue & their Officers & requiring positively the immediate recall of any persons deputed to Burdwan & full explanation from His Highness regarding any orders he might have issued to such person or persons regarding Parks Situated in Burdwan or its vicinity. By the Nobob's answer Copy of which is transmitted herewith No. 4 it appears that His Highness wholly disclaims having sent any one into the Burdwan district (nor does he I understand affect to set up any claim for Rumnah or any part of Burdwan) that he is

wholly ignorant who Ramkishen Roy is or by whom deputed or employed neither does he know where Pergunnah Monohurshye & the Mozahs dependent thereon detailed by Rajah Tezchund are situated therefore he disclaims all responsibility for acts done by this Ramkishen Roy or his followers & expresses himself perfectly satisfied that Orders have been issued for apprehending & bringing them to condign Punishment. The explanation given in this letter & the explicit disavowal of all knowledge or participation in anything that may have occurred in the Burdwan District I must therefore consider as fully meeting the Injunctions & requisitions of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General as detailed under two distinct Heads in the first Paragraph of your Letter to which I have now the honor of replying.

5. It appears by the 4th Paragraph of the Letter addressed to me by the Judge & Magistrate of Beerbhoom of date the 4th Instant Guttee Banorjeah had at that time been taken in Custody by his Police Officers & from the Officers of the Nizamut, I am informed 'that Ramsoonder Roy is in the hands of the Magistrate who has taken Security for his appearance to answer to Charges that may be exhibited, an equal degree of Vigilance on the part of the Magistrate at Burdwan will assuredly effect the apprehension of Ramkishen Roy & some few of the 500 Men who are stated to have accompanied him armed clothed & accoutred as Sepoys. It is to me very clear that the Nobab has not an Establishment which would admit of his detaching the tenth part of the number stated, his People have full Service of fatiguing duty in furnishing Guards & Sentries for himself the numerous Begums & many other branches of the family & the numerous Officers of the Household & Establishment who claim a small Guard either for Shew or Protection I have taken some pains to enquire & to ascertain the real fact & I firmly believe that instead of 500 only two miserable Sepoys have been employed in this business one was originally sent with Gopoul Mozendar & one afterwards with 2 Hircarrahs to enquire into the disturbances as stated by the Magistrate but the Burdwan Rajah would perhaps be glad of any pretence to claim a deduction in his engagements for Revenue & by the Magistrates own report the disturbances in Beerbhoom were quitted almost as soon as reported for on his appearance on horseback all the Riots had fled except Guttee Bonerjea who was apprehended by his Police Officers.

6. In compliance with the earnest request of the Nobab I have transmitted these papers with the least possible retard and await the orders of Government on the Subject of His Highnesses enquiry as to the spirit of the orders issued whether it is expected he should withdraw his People from these Rumnahs of which Possession has never been contested & from those which have been awarded to him under the Investigation made in the Nuddeah district conformably to the directions of Government issued in May last. On the Subject of the Communication made by yourself to the Nobab thro' the medium of his Vakeel at the Presidency, His Highness means to submit hereafter his Sentiments but was very desirous that I should not on that or any other account delay the transmission of the Papers now sent in consequence of the explanation required of him.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 19th December 1808.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 12th Ultimo in answer to mine of the 19th & 31st of October last on the Subject of the Pension enjoyed by the Nabob Rostum Jung deceased. Having been previously informed that Persons had been deputed both by the Nabob & the Munnee Begum to the house of the deceased to take Possession of the property therein & to make an exact Inventory thereof & having reason to apprehend that any direct Interference on my part would give umbrage especially to Her Highness the Begum, I deemed it expedient immediately as I received your Letter to address both their Highnesses intimating the Substance of your Instructions & awaiting the Communication of their Sentiments previous to carrying them into full effect. I have the honor to enclose Copy of my letter No. 1 & as I did not get so immediate an answer as appeared requisite & reasonable I wrote the Nabob & Begum again on the 24th November as P. Copy No. 2. On the 26th of the Month I received an answer from the Begum Copy of which is Sent No. 3 & on the following day the Nobab's answer as P. Copy No. 4 was received On the 27th November I sent the Begum an answer in detail of explanation as by her required of which No. 5 is the Copy & subsequently in consequence of the delay which occurred in getting any Information regarding the property I wrote to remind both the Nobab & Begum of my wish to answer your enquiry.

2. I have this day received a letter from His Highness the Nobab of which Copy goes enclosed under No. 6 by this it appears that the property of which an Inventory has been taken by his Officers & those of the Munnee Begum is estimated at Rs. 55,000 & of which they still retain Possession the Nobab states that the bulk of this property came to the Nobab Rostum Jung by his marriage with Sumsuddee Begum the daughter of Hossainy Begum Sister of the deceased Nobob Mobarekoo Dowlah & aunt to the present Nobab. Under this Circumstance & in virtue of affinity & Mahomedan Law as applicable thereto His Highness appears to claim a right to the greatest part of this property a Claim which however it appears by his letter he submits wholly to the pleasure & Determination of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General—The Nobabs letter also reports the recent demise of one of the infant Sons of Rostum Jung mentioned in my address of the 31st of October as also of the Concubine who was therein stated to be far advanced in her pregnancy & His Highness again recommends the allotment of Rs. 200 p. mensem from 1,200 before allotted to the deceased Rostum Jung for the support of the illegitimate Children in the event of the personal property being allotted to the legal heirs claiming it. I can only repeat the Sentiment expressed

in the 3d Paragraph of my address to you of the 19th October of the Cogent existing necessity that every practicable resource should be rendered available for the exigencies of the Nizamut because I have since seen the account of the expenses incurred during the Bengal year 1214 & have made a rough Translation thereof Copy of which I shall hereafter Submit with the requisite explanation. I find the excess of expenditure beyond the assets much greater than I had expected & I fear it will be no easy task to reduce or keep the disbursements within the limits of the Plan laid down in February last. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 21st December 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—In continuation of the Subject of my Letter of yesterday I have now the honor to enclose Copy of the answer from Her Highness the Munnee Begum received this morning to my Letter to her of the 27th Ultimo No. 5 of accompanyments to my last despatched I need hardly observe to you Sir that the evident purport of the Begums letter is not to give any Information but rather to express dissatisfaction at an Interference which she is pleased to consider as irregular & unprecedented. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 22d December 1808.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit herewith for the purpose of its being submitted to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General Copy of a Letter from His Highness the Nobab reporting the demise of Aumeenah Begum daughter of the late Nabob Mohomed Amey Khan who was brother to one of the Wives of the Nobab Jaffur Ally Khan. Ameena Begum received a Pension of Rs. 70 P. Month in the Nizamut Department included in the allowances to the Akrahbah declared hereditary by the Resolutions of Government of the 3d of September 1790.

His Highness recommends that the allowance should devolve to the daughter of the deceased Aumeena Zeebunnessa Begum & I am informed she has left no other Child nor has she any other very near Relation. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 3d January 1809.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose Copy and Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nobab together with Copy of Nussurut Jungs Arzee to His Highness, & Extract of an Arzee from Comoulutdeen Hossain Cawn, to the Nabob Mobareckoodowlah deceased dated the 1st of Rubbee-ul-Awal 1207 Hidjeree, which must have been written about sixteen or seventeen years ago & has reference to an attempt then made by the Nobab Nussurut Jung to obtain Permission to use a Nalkee. I do not find any trace of this circumstance on the record, of my Office having examined the Correspondence during the Government of Earl Cornwallis.

2. I wished to dissuade the Nobab from pressing the present Representation on Notice, but found His Highness most agitated & dejected at the Occurrence & earnest that I should ascertain of the matter was past remedy or recall, & in such case he expressed his hope that my application might be returned to me as a tacit acquiescence in the avowed Pleasure of His Lordship would be more congenial to His Highnesses feelings than the appearance of having made a request & experienced a refusal which would be a Source of constant mortification on reflection that the record of such disgrace would obtain Publicity.

3. I apprehend if Communication had been made to His Highness of the Distinction conferred on Nussurut Jung he would not have offered Objection tho' he would have remonstrated if the Intention had been stated previous to the complete adoption of the Measure.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 4th January 1809.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

Enclosure

Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nobab dated the 2d of January 1809.

I have received an Arzee from the Nobab Nussurut Jung with a Nuzzur informing me that the Company have presented him with a Nalkee, and that he has received the Sanction & Permission of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General to use that mode of Conveyance. I send the Arzee for your Perusal—My Reputation & Dignity have been invariably supported by the English Government, & whatever is acceptable & proper in the Eyes of the Governor General must be highly approved by me, but from time immemorial the Privilege of using the Nalkee, except that the Nobab Muzuffur Jung as Naib of the three Soubahs of Bengal, Bahar & Orissa (and who in reality had full controul & management thereof) obtained the Roval Sanction for using a Nalkee to this time neither the Subahdar of Patna nor the Naib of Dacca ever asserted Pretensions to this mark of Distinction. Sometime ago the Nobab Nussurut Jung entertained the Idea & applied to His Majestys Son for Permission to use a Nalkee this occurred during the Government of Marquis Cornwallis. My father (since deceased) hearing this made a representation to Lord Cornwallis thro' his Vakeel Comauluddeen Hossain Khan. His Lordship immediately with kind Consideration to the Rank & dignity of our family caused intimation to be given to the Vakeel of Nussurut Jung that such Innovation from long established usage would not be admitted. Marks of favor & great distinction such as this are naturally appropriate to the pre-eminent Situation of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General

but Nussurut Jungs Position is not such as to give him a claim to such high token of Consideration, perhaps this Circumstance may not have been fully considered as my Consideration & consequence are closely connected with that of the Company & the Support thereof must ever redound to the honor of the Established Government here I will therefore entreat you to represent this privately to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General & to Communicate to me his pleasure as to the Tenor of the answer I should give to the Arzee of Nussurut Jung.

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D. Campbell Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to send you herewith three thousand five hundred (Sa. Rs. 3,500) being so much received from His Highness the Nabob in liquidation of money advanced for him by Government I request to be favored with your receipt as usual in Duplicate.—I am &ca.

Moorshedabad, the 7th January 1809.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—In the close of my letter of the 19th Ultimo I stated the Intention expressed by His Highness the Nabob to submit his Sentiments on the Subject of the Communication made by you thro' the medium of his Vakeel in Calcutta in the Spirit of the Resolutions of Government under date the 15th October last tending to recommend to His Highness the Institution of regular Suits in the established Courts of Justice for the recovery of any Parks or Rumnah Lands the property of the Nizamut, of which the Possession has been usurped by Zemindars & others.

2. I have now the honor to transmit for the Information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General Copy of a Letter received yesterday from His Highness in pursuance of the Intimation above alluded to, the main purport of which (altho' much extraneous matter is introduced) appears to be to convey his hope & desire that he may have the full benefit of the Resolutions adopted by Government in 1806, & subsequently, under which it was understood his Claims to contested Parks or Rumnahs would be adjusted by the means of Aumeens deputed by His Highness to act in concert with proper Officers appointed by the different Collectors & that by their Investigation his rights might be first ascertained, & under their award after due report by the Collector to the Board of Revenue possession might be given as far as right had been clearly established, this mode would be deemed by the Nobab far preferable to coming forward as Complainants in the established Courts of Justice in the different Zillahs as well from Objections in respect to forms necessary to be observed as from disadvantages His Highness conceives he should labor under of adducing those legal Proofs which are required by the Courts & by which Individuals hold there [*sic*] Tenures from his ancestors as Rulers of the Country ; but which they did not heretofore consider would ever be required by any paramount authority in proof or support of their own independent rights or Possession.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 14th January 1809.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nizt. Affrs.

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit herewith a Letter from the Munnee Begum to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General announcing the demise of Her Highnesses Dewan Roy Poorun Chund who died after a very short Illness on Monday last.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 15th January 1809.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 8th Instant & to inform you that I Immediately communicated to His Highness the Nabob the Substance of the first & of the concluding Paragraph of that dispatch. It relieved His Highnesses mind from great anxiety to hear that the explanation he had given on the Information required, touching outrages committed in his name, had proved fully satisfactory, & he was much gratified by the Assurance that no Interruption would occur to his retaining Possession of such Parks as had been given up to him after enquiry & investigation, as well as of those in the Occupancy of which he had not been disturbed at any time.

2. It gives me infinite pain to discover by the further Contents of your late dispatch that any part of my conduct should have incurred the disapprobation of Government. Whatever might be my Sense of the duty incumbent on the Magistrate, I certainly did on the first Instance Suppose that Sir Charles Blunt awaited the Nobabs answer to the Letter he had addressed me on the 4th of December desiring I would call on His Highness for explanation &ca. & I thought it not improbable that finding the representations to him had been greatly exaggerated, and that good order had been with more facility restored than he apprehend, he might have deemed the Object no longer of sufficient Importance to require a reference, at any rate I conceived if he had addressed Government he would have mentioned it in the close of his Letter to me in this I have to regret that my Judgement was erroneous.

3. With respect to my not having suspended the prescribed Communication to His Highness in consequence of the explanation contained in his letter No. 2 of my dispatch of the 19th December, I crave permission respectfully to observe that from the general tenor of

the Letter of date the 10th of December and of the Proceedings in the Judicial Department of the 9th of that month Extract of which accompanied, I was forcibly impressed with the Idea that the Sentiments expressed by Government had their principal rise & foundation in the opinion adopted of the authenticity of the Intelligence received from *Burdwan*, on the Collectors representation submitted by the Board of Revenue because it was stated that Government would have been slow to believe the reports made except from the Circumstance of a party of five hundred Men clothed & accoutred as Sepoys having been sent into the district of Burdwan to excite disturbances &ca. & as Government were informed by the letter of the 4 December from the Magistrate of Beerbhoom that he had required me pointedly to call upon the Nabob for explanation, which of course would induce a full enquiry into the Complaints & charges alleged, & still were pleased to issue unqualified Instructions for my Guidance without any requisition that I should enquire & report or that I should state the Result of Communication had with His Highness in consequence of the requisitions of Sir Charles Blunt I did not conceive on deliberately revolving the matter in my own mind that Latitude of discretion rested with me to suspend wholly execution of Orders altogether unconditional. In this conclusion also I have the mortification to find I have been under considerable misapprehension & can only now give the strongest assurance that on any future similar Occasion I shall act with a greater degree of Circumspection.

4. I am most fully sensible of the Impropriety of having inserted in my official Communication with His Highness the idle rumour regarding French Influence referred to in the letter from the Magistrate of Beerbhoom. On receipt thereof I stated the Substance of its altogether to my Moonshee to form the Subject of a Letter of Remonstrance & enquiry to His Highness the terms used by the Moonshee on the Occasion are more copious and more forcible than my Intention required, & I must have signed the Letter in a hurry with a divided attention & under interruption from various objects of important business which just on that day happened to be pressed on my notice, for this oversight I have no better excuse to offer, & therefore trust to that Indulgence from my Superiors which the most vigilent & attentive must at time have cause to claim; indeed the whole tenor of this is not offered as justification of any part of that Conduct which has been deemed reprehensible but rather as explanation on certain points which I trust may be admitted in extenuation of the portion of Blame attaching, under reiterated Assurance that on all future Occasions regular degree of Circumspection & deliberate Caution will be observed.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 16th January 1809.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose herewith Copies of four letters from Syed Toraub Ally who married Rezeatoos Sooltaun Begum one of the Grand-daughters of the late Salia Begum to whom & to her Sister Sharoke Begum Widow of the Nabob Rostum Jung (lately deceased) Government by their orders transmitted in your letter of 27th June 1805 awarded in equal portions the Stipend of Rs. 1,000 P. mensem enjoyed by their Grandmother the widow of the Nabob Meerun on the grounds stated in the Report of the Nizamut Committee of the 12th of November 1802. I enclose also Copies of Correspondence which has passed between Her Highness the Begum & me on the Subject of the Claims and Representations of Syed Toraub Ally from the 6th of April last to the present time together with English translation of the whole for the Information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General.

2. You will observe that I have delayed intruding the matter to which this Correspondence has reference upon the notice of Government for several months because I was in hopes some satisfactory arrangement would have taken place between the Begum & the Complainant Toraub Ally, which assuredly would have been the case if the question had been agitated during the life time of Roy Monick Chund, & I was the more anxious that the dispute should be amicably adjusted because in several conferences which I have had with the Begum whenever the Subject of Toraub Ally's Claim has been mentioned Her Highness has shewn Symptoms of great displeasure, bordering on Indignation at any appearance of Interference in the distribution of these Pensions which she choses to consider exclusively under her controul.

3. The pension of Rs. 500 devolving to Rezeatoos Sooltaun Begum under the orders of Government of June 1805 & the allowance of 250 Rs. which she derives as included in the Aukrabah of the Nizamut in the Class of Pensions declared hereditary by the Resolutions of the 3d of September 1790 are both paid from the Collector's Office on receipts bearing the Seal of Rezeatoos Sooltaun which Seal is in the keeping of a Man named Hadjee Ally Akbar & retained by him under orders of the Munnee Begum, certainly contrary to the Will of Syed Toraub Ally & as he asserts contrary to the Inclination & Intention of his wife the Incumbent for whom & in whose behalf her Husband claims the whole on the other hand the Begum resists his claim on the ground of his bad Character & vicious propensities, & also because as the Guardian of the Grand-daughters & Heiress of Salia Begum deceased she considers she has still a right of Controul & Interference over their Income and fortunes altho' they are married & to Husbands of Her Highnesses immediate Choice and Selection, wherefore it appears to me, the Objections made to the Morals & Character of the Complainant (supposing them to be founded which I am not aware that they are) come with an ill grace from Her Highness; that the Nabob Rostum Jung & others, married into the family, do not receive the Pensions allowed to their wives or assert any claim or Controul over them I can easily believe to be the case, the Nabob Rostum Jung mentioned his position to me, Some months before his death, complaining of the hardship of it but observed that he did not chose inadvertently to come to an open rupture with the Begum but preferred waiting the Issue of the Claim set up by Toraub Ally the decision on which would govern his conduct as Rezeatoos Sooltaun now lives with her

Husband I am not aware for what particular expenses in her name Rs. 150 are withheld because her Husband ought & I presume does bear all her expenses or with what shew of Justice Rs. 150 more are stated to be allotted for the support of the servants &ca. of the late Salia Begum & for the expense of her Tomb I should conceive there must have been ample resources to defray these expenses from the personal property left by Salia Begum at her death (as I understand she died rich) & if there were not, I cannot conceive from what source the charges were defrayed from the period of her demise in February 1802 until September 1805 during all which time payment of the Pension was suspended & with regard to the accumulating fund of Rs. 100 monthly I must doubt the expediency as well as the propriety of withholding it on the plea set up.

4. With respect to the Arzee of Sharoke Begum annexed to Her Highness's last letter No. 9 of accompanyments it is proper to observe that both Sisters Rezeatoos Sooltaun, & Sharoke, are at times Subject to material Derangement of Intellect an infirmity common to all the Offspring of Sooltaun Daood male as well as female, it is presumable that Sharokes Seal is no more in her keeping than her Sister's & therefore it may easily be affixed to the letter in question or to any other document at the Impulse of Hadjee Ally or such other Person being possessed of it who may have an Interest in this or any other matter at Issue in which these unfortunate females are concerned without Concurrence or even Cognizance of the Party to whom the Seal belongs.

5. As conformably to the 4th & 5th Paragraphs of my Instructions of 24th December 1801 it is my particular duty to attend to Objects of this nature & to submit to the notice of Government all Instances of disputes amongst the Members of the Nabobs family which I may be unable to accommodate without the Interposition of their authority I have to request you will offer this Letter & its enclosures at a convenient moment to the consideration of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 16th January 1809.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

No. 1.

Enclosure No. 1.

Translation of a Letter from Syed Toraub Ally received the 30th March 1808.

Of 1,000 Rs. which was the Stipend of Salia Begum deceased, thro' your favorable Intercession & that of Her Highness the Munnee Begum five hundred was by the Right Hon'ble the Governor General allotted for the Support of Rezeatoos Sooltaun Begum her Grand-daughter & my wife, the other Rs. 500 being allotted to her other Grand-daughter who is married to the Nabob Rostum Jung Bahader—This arrangement is recorded in your Sheristah & in the Munnee Begum's Besides this Rs. 250 is settled on my wife aforesaid in the distribution in the Nizamut department under the head of Allowance to Shahzaudah Sooltaun Daood Mirza, but Hadjee Ally Akbar having possessed himself of the Seal of Rezeatoos Sooltaun Begum, receives the whole of this allowance disposes of it at his pleasure giving me a very small portion thereof. Moreover he prevents Sooltaun Begum from coming to reside with me unfortunately she is in a bad state of health, Hadjy causes her uneasiness & when I send a Conveyance & attendants to conduct her home Hadjee interferes & detains her & if she expresses a desire to come to me he will not afford her Conveyance, she suffers extremely from remaining at her house and laments night & day her separation from me therefore I entreat of you to call Hadjee before you to order him to surrender the Seal or to deliver it to you & to permit the Begum to come to my house & that you will further obtain an order to the Collector for the separate Payment of the allowances due to the Begum under the orders of Government which are in your Office, that escaping from the Intrigues of the Hadjee I may incessantly pray for your Welfare.

No. 2.

Enclosure No. 2.

Copy of a Letter to Her Highness the Munnee Begum dated 6th April 1808.

Meer Toraub Ally Grandson by marriage of the deceased Salia Begum has delivered me a Representation (reciting here the Substance of the foregoing Letter from Toraub Ally received on the 30 March) in consequence I sent for Hadjee Ally Ackbor & enquired of him on the Subject thereof. He states that he does not act in the Premises under his own authority but in strict conformity to orders issued by your Highness. In conformity to your wishes I reported on the Claim of the Grand-daughters to the Pension enjoyed by Salia Begum recommending its being continued to them & the Governor General directed that it should be allotted wholly & solely for the support & Maintenance of her Grand-daughters, the orders are in my office & have been submitted to you, moreover the Property of the wife is according to the usage of all Countries, & to the Tenets of all Persuasions & Sects that of the Husband & the Claim of the Husband to the care Guardianship & Protection of his wife is paramount to that of any other of her Kindred—after being married to Toraub Ally & having Offspring by him under what Law can she be detained from residing with him & how can Hadjee Ally Ackbar who is a mere Servant receive her Stipend & retain her Seal to the exclusion of her Husband I cannot in any way account for this. It appears to me reasonable & proper that the Begum should be sent to her Husband & that he shall be permitted to receive her allowance I hope therefore you will take this matter into Consideration & that you will send the Begum to her Husband's residence which is in fact her own house & situated within this City & that your Highness will Sanction the receiving & lodging in the proper Office the acknowledgements which may be taken from Toraub Ally for the monthly allowance of his wife & that you will indulge me with an answer conveying to me the grateful tidings of your welfare.

No. 3.

Enclosure No. 3.

Copy of Letter from Her Highness the Begum received on the 20th of April 1808.

After usual Compliments & the recapitulation of my Letter as above—You are well acquainted with the arrangement of her affairs & distribution thereof which Salia Begum made previous to her death leaving me

sole management & Guardianship of her Grand-daughters, but Toraub Ally a Man of low degree & evil mind has idly squandered & made away with all the Jewels, Ornaments & effects which his wife Rezeatoos Sooltaun Begum had at her marriage as well as Rs. 350 of her monthly allowance which has been regularly paid to him & which he has received in full to the end of January 1808 moreover he is considerably in debt & does not even keep his Dwelling in that state of repair that his wife could inhabit it besides under false pretences he has possessed himself of the Infant Son of Sooltaun Begûm & keeps it with him & the Begum's mind is a prey to Dread & anxiety from this separation from her Child & alarm on the score of Concubines who live with Toraub Ally. Toraub Ally takes no heed of his wife, but her Sister at my Instance shews her the requisite attention & they are both living together in the house of their Grandmother. The Care of the Child devolves properly on its mother & its Aunt it is reasonable the Infant should be surrendered to its mother that it may benefit by her fostering Care. The allowance according to the Will of the deceased Begum devolved to her Grand-daughters Meer Toraub Ally had no hand in the acquisition of this property it has not descended to him by Inheritance that he should assert a right to it. You will be pleased to consider that Men who intermarry in the Nizamut obtain Rank and consideration in consequence of that of their wives, if the wife is disinclined to her husband & he is disposed to squander on Concubines her fortune or the allowance made for her support, how can he be allowed to assume a Controul over it, recommend to him therefore to amend his ways & to live in a creditable manner.

No. 4.

Enclosure No. 4.

Copy of a Letter from Syed Toraub Ally received on the 29th June 1808.

When Hadjee Ally Akbar denied that he acted from himself but under Sanction of superior authority you was pleased to write the Begum on the Subject & from the answer of Her Highness I find she is much displeased with me. The Begum is my Patroness to whom I look up for support I have never been guilty of disrespect or any fault towards her, if I had she can summon me to her presence & reprimand me according to her Sense of my demerit. I am wholly unconscious of blame, but if any attaches to me surely it cannot be such as to deserve that Her Highness should attempt to destroy me altogether by the entire resumption or withholding my *whole allowance*, from February 1808 to the present time & I have not received one Cowree & am in the greatest distress, & my affliction is aggravated by being separated from my wife therefore I entreat you to address the Begum again praying her to discharge my wife & to allow me to receive the allowance to which she is entitled that my heart may be at rest under her indulgent compliance with my wishes—If on the other hand Her Highness is bent on my destruction I am without remedy but am hopeful that you will report my Case to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General, that my destiny may be accomplished.

No. 5.

Enclosure No. 5.

Copy of a Letter to the Begum of the 19th August 1808.

Syed Toraub Ally Grandson by marriage to the deceased Salia Begum applied to me sometime ago praying the release of his wife Rezeeatoos Sooltaun Begum, that he might be allowed to receive regularly her monthly allowance of Rs. 750 & that her Seal might be delivered up by Hadjee Ally Akbar and as Hadjee Ally denied any personal Interference in the business I address'd your Highness on the subject & have been infavoritely surprized by the Tenor of your answer to my letter for you state that the allowance in question is under your Controul conformably to the testamentary disposition of the deceased Begum altho' it may have been subject to your disposal yet when you gave her Grand-daughter in marriage any arrangement made by her ceases to be in force, besides which you make a very unfavorable report of Meer Toraub Ally & that his Dwelling is not in a state to receive his wife & that he has kept his Infant Son in his own care. Salia Begum gave you the management of her estate for the benefit of her Grand-daughters surely if Meer Toraub Ally bears so bad a Character he was not a proper husband to select for one of them, after the event has taken place it is of little avail to ascertain his good or evil propensities Toraub Ally represents that the family Mansion which devolved from Salia Begum & should be the abode of her Heirs Hadjee Ally Akbar has left for tride which he receives & expends and that the Claim of the father to the care & support of his Sons exceeds the Pretensions of the mother. Is there any Impropriety in Toraub Ally's having the Charge of his own Son. According to established usage & Laws promulgated the property of the wife becomes that of her Husband & no one of her Relations can have any right to interfere. It appears to me very unjust that Hadjee Ally Akbar an evil disposed Man should receive the established allowance as it issues from the treasury instead of its being paid to her Husband & should detain Sooltaun Begum instead of allowing her to join her husband; moreover it appears by Toraub Allys representation that he formerly received Rs. 350 monthly of the 750 his wifes allowance, but that from the day he made application to me even that Rs. 350 has been wholly withheld. It is an essential part of the duty of the Situation to which I have been appointed by Government to attend to Objects of this nature, if the result of an Appeal to me is to induce additional Suffering it will lower me much in general estimation. On the 29th of June Toraub Ally solicited me earnestly to make a report of his case, but I have refrained in the hope that the dispute might be amicably adjusted here, now the said Toraub Ally renews his Instance pressingly & intimates that he means to go to Calcutta personally to state his Grievances but I have dissuaded him in the hope of the matter being settled here & I now beg of you to take the circumstances into consideration, to send Sooltaun Begum to the house of her husband, especially, as he represents that she is most willing to join him & to order Hadjee Ally to deliver up to the Husband Sooltaun Begum's Seal & account with him for her allowance a measure which appears to me equitable & proper. If the matter cannot be amicably settled

I have no alternative a Plea to induce on my part retard in reporting the Case to Government for material delay has already occurred & if this is to continue it is probable Toraub Ally will repair to the Seat of Government & represent his own Grievances & a want of due attention thereto on my part for which I shall be called to account—I must therefore report the Case.

No. 6.

Enclosure No. 6.

Copy of a Letter from Syed Toraub Ally received the 20th September 1808.

On the 6th of Rujub (or 29th of August) my wife came home to me & the payment of 350 Rs. Monthly which had been suspended is now continue to me, one month of my wife's allowance since her return has been paid to Hadjee Ally Akbar & we are in great distress for our expenses & I do not receive the smallest part of what my wife is entitled to, neither is the Begums Seal delivered to me & when I ask for it the Officers of the Munnee Begum express much resentment & put me off from day to day I am hopeful that you will lay your Commands upon Poorun Chund to cause the Seal to be Surrendered & my wife's allowance to be paid to me.

No. 7.

Enclosure No. 7.

Copy of a Letter from Syed Toraub Ally received the 11th of October 1808.

After stating the allowance of 750 Rups. appertaining to his wife in two departments of Rs. 500 & 250 under Sanction & authority of Government as described in his former Letter he writes as her Husband duly married I am entitled to this allowance but from the day of my marriage I have received only Rs. 300 for a time, about three years ago Rs. 150 was added to this & I have since received Rs. 350—as I understood that Hadjee Ally Akbar unduly received every month Rs. 400 of my wifes allowance, I made enquiry about it, which Hadjee hearing under pretence of inviting my wife to a wedding carried her to the house of the deceased Salia Begum where he himself resides & for about 18 months prevented her from coming to my house, I represented this my distress to you who called Hadjee to account when he denied Acting from himself, but said what he had done was conformably to the orders of Munnee Begum, on this you wrote Her Highness desiring my wife might be released & that I might receive her whole allowance & be put in possession of her Seal, on finding I had represented my Case Her Highness was extremely indignant & altogether stopped the 350 Rs. I used to receive & neither discharged my wife nor surrendered her Seal, for six months I did not receive a Cowree, I sustained much distress & incurred considerable Debts. On this I was about to proceed to Calcutta & waited upon you to take my Leave, but you indulgently again repeated your Representation to the Begum who in consequence ordered that five months arrear of allowance should be paid to me at the rate of Rs. 350 P. month & at the same time my wife was sent home two months have now elapsed since the Nizamut Stipendiaries have all been paid up & since Rezeatoos Sooltaun Begum my wife returned to my house but still the afore-mentioned Hadjee receives 400 Rs. of her allowance I am surprized and cannot understand on what Color of Pretence he receives & disposes of any part of my wifes Stipend, for what reason he retains her Seal—as you are the Representative of the Governor General & Objects of this nature fall within your Cognizance I am hopeful you will have my wifes allowance paid separately & direct from the Collectors Office & that her Seal shall be delivered to me or that you will report our Case to Government whose orders I shall patiently await and obediently conform to ; Such oppression as we experience never before occurred. I & my wife are under embarrassment whilst Hadjee Ally Akbar without any reason or shadow of Claim receives monthly 400 Rs. of my wifes allowance & disposes of it ; to whom but you can we address ourselves.

No. 8.

Enclosure No. 8.

Copy of a Letter to the Munnee Begum dated 25th October 1808.

Syed Toraub Ally the Grandson by marriage of the deceased Salia Begum, has addressed to me several representations praying to be empowered to receive the full allowance of Rs. 750 P. month settled on his wife & to obtain Possession of his wifes Seal, & I have addressed two Letters to your Highness touching this matter & I have also written to Roy Poorun Chund (Her Highnesses Dewan) on the Subject to these three Letters I have only received one answer, moreover I have had personal Conversation with your Highness touching this Man's case but have been unable clearly to comprehend what your Intentions are regarding him,—but it would seem from appearances that Toraub Ally is only to receive Rs. 350 monthly & is not to get the Seal of his wife Rezeatoos Sooltaun Begum—as Government have allotted Rs. 750 for the allowance of the Said Begum, Toraub Ally will not be satisfied with 350 Rs. but claims the difference of 400 & an account of arrears due thereon accordingly he now urges me to send a report on his Case to the Governor General I send for your Consideration a Copy of his representation—It is an essential part of the duty assigned to me by Government to endeavor to accommodate all disputes & dissensions amongst the dependants of the Nizamut & I endavor to fulfil this to the utmost of my ability but when the matter is beyond the scope of my powers I can only report to Government—but having it always in view to attend to the wishes & Sentiments of your Highness I do not chose to report in a matter of this nature without previously communicating with you & have therefore sent this address, as Rezeatoos Sooltaun Begum is living & resides with her Husband Syed Toraub Ally I entreat you will do me the favor to state for my Information why he should not receive the Rs. 400 forming part of her allowance of Rs. 750 & why he should not obtain her Seal & who is to receive & to have the disposal of this money.

No. 9.

Enclosure No. 9.

Copy of a Letter from the Munnee Begum on the 28th of Novr. 1808.

After usual Compliments & a recital of the Contents of my Letter of the 25th of October Her Highness writes I have before stated to you the Reasons why Toraub

Ally does not receive the full amount of his wifes Salary I shall now repeat them. Meer Toraub Ally is a treacherous Man unworthy of Confidence when he married he resided with his wife in Salia Begum's house but that did not afford him ready means of squandering his wifes property, therefore he began quarrelling & disputing & went from thence to reside in a house at Akram Gunge which is very much out of repair & by no means private, there in a most idle & dissipated way he squandered, sold & pledged all his wifes property in Jewels, & apparel &ca. as well Gold, Silver, Copper Vessels & others which she had received on her marriage & he contracted many heavy debts entertained two Concubines from the Bazar & used his wife very ill causing her much uneasiness by the taking her Infant from her Charge, her Grief & Passion on this account affected her Senses & in her Situation death was to be coveted, on hearing this I urged her Sister Sharoke Begum to pay her requisite attention & for 18 months Sooltaun Begum lived with her in the house of the late Salia Begum, now as you repeatedly urged me to send her to her Husband & as he represented to me that his Son's education was to be entered upon I sent his wife home to him. Toraub Ally carried her to a dwelling wholly out of repair in an exposed Situation not fit for the residence of women of Character, & subject her to much Inconvenience on a pretence which was unfounded regarding the beginning to instruct his Son.—Sooltaun Begum has an allowance of Rs. 750 monthly from the Stipend of her arrears this does not flow either from the Patrimony or the earnings of Toraub Ally, that he should lay Claim to it before marriage he lived upon 26 Rupees a month, is it not very unreasonable & unjust that now instead of being satisfied with Rs. 350 which accrues to him from his connection with the Nizamut he claims four hundred Rupees more—you will consider that Sharoke Begum Sister of Rezeatoos Sooltaun receives 700 Rupees monthly & the Nabob Rostum Jung deceased her husband never touched any part of this there are besides five other daughters of Mirza Daood who receive pensions to which their husbands assert no pretensions of the 400 Rupees in question Rs. 150 are allotted for the particular expenses of Sooltaun Begum Rs. 150 are allotted for the Support of the Servants & dependents of the late Salia Begum & for the expense attending her Tomb the remaining 100 Rupees remains in deposit to answer for any urgent demands or expenses of the Begum or of her Child—Toraub Ally wants to get into his Possession his wife's Seal that he may squander this four hundred Rupees also the allowance is by Government assigned for Rezeatoos Sooltaun Begum & until her Son arrives at years of discretion it is proper that whatever can be spared after defraying all requisite expenses should be saved for his benefit & as the care & Support of the dependents the deceased has left rests with me I have allotted to Toraub Ally what was proper for him, & his Claim to anything more is quite unreasonable & improper—as there is no Female in the house of Toraub Ally who can pay due attention to Sooltaun Begum it behaves you to enjoin him to send her to the house at Jaffier Gunge (meaning Salia Begums) that her Sister may take due care of her & with respect to making any report on the Case this is the private Affair of the Nizamut & the Right Hon'ble the Governor General will assuredly not interfere or disturb by any new orders the established usages & Customs which have prevailed with us. I send you an Arzee which I have received from Sharoke Begum the Sister of Rezeatoos Sooltaun Begum by which you will see how matters are situated.

Enclosure No. 10.

Enclosure in No. 9 Copy of a Letter from Sharoke Begum to Munnee Begum & by Her Highness enclosed in her letter to me of 28th November 1808.

How shall I describe to you the distress my Sister labors under you much indeed be very sensible of it, when she married Toraub Ally she was possessed of property to the value of Rs. 15,000 in Gold Ornaments, Jewels, Silver Ornaments, Copper Vessels brass Vessels & other Articles of apparel & Furniture, Toraub Ally has deprived her of reason that he may run his Casier, taking her Keys by force he has made away with all her effects & has entirely given himself up to a Concubine she died & he then took another whom he supports in a Separate house, & the Salary he receives on account of my Sister he waits in loose women, in no other respect is he a Husband to my Sister, he received at once Rs. 15,400 of the allowance of Salia Begum deceased & made away with the whole, had he any property of his own and dissipated that it would not be of consequence, but he should not thus make away with my Sisters Income & property which he has done to the extent of Rs. 40,000 not a single Ring has he left her nay he has made away with what belonged to the Child, thus my Sisters distresses great the dissipation & Misconduct of her Husband have deprived her of reason—Conformably to your orders she did reside with me—Now Toraub Ally neither gives her food nor Raiment but instigated by evil Counsellors on the pretence of an Occasion of rejoicing has carried her to a dilapidated house without Doors or Windows & keept her confined there, & if I send her Victuals they are not allowed to be delivered to her and Toraub Ally by giving gross abuse to my Sisters attendant who have been about her since Salia Begums time wants to drive them away God knows for what evil purpose We two Sisters are your Slaves & can only look to you for Support Protection & relief from Injury we therefore pray that Toraub Ally may be obliged to give Security for his Conduct & for the property that passes thro' his hands that if (which God forbid) anything should happen to my Sister he may be made answerable for all the money he has received & let him be ordered to send my Sister to me as her life is not Safe in his hands.

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose Copy of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob on the Subject of my dispatch of the 21st & 22d of last month expressing his anxious desire to receive some definitive answer which may enable him to make the necessary arrangements regarding the property & effects of the Nabob Rostum Jung deceased which are still held in a manner under attachment awaiting the orders of the Right Hon'ble

the Governor General. His Highness observes that the Keeping up the Establishment of Servants is a very considerable expense & part of the property is of a perishable nature or liable to receive Injury on these accounts it is desirable that some final disposition should be made of the effects which appertain to the estate in question.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 27th January 1809.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nizt. Affrs.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to submit herewith for the Information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council a Statement exhibiting in detail the receipts & disbursements of the Nizamut Stipend from the 1st of Bysack 1214 or 12th April 1807 to the 31st of Chite 1214 B.S. or 11th of April 1808 together with explanatory remarks on the Subject of encrease or savings on the disbursements, & subsidiary Statements in general Elucidation.

2. Altho' it has not been usual to present these accounts to Government annually either by my predecessors or during the nine years I have held the Office, & they have only been furnished under especial requisition, when either the embarrassments of the Durbar called for extraneous Aid and Interposition of Government, or when it was in contemplation to introduce some Change of System, still as the accounts of the Nizamut for the last five years have so recently been under consideration & the Interference of Government has been such as to induce material Change and the establishment in a great measure of a New Plan, which under the Orders of the 1st February was to be adopted from the Commencement of the Bengal year 1215 or 12th of April last I have ventured to suppose it would not be unacceptable to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General to have under his Consideration the actual State of the Nizamut in its various branches at the period when this new System which Government had prescribed, & their Highnesses the Nabob & Begum had accepted & acquiesced in, should begin to take positive effect, because I had great reason to apprehend Some material Changes had occurred since the making up the accounts for the year 1213 which I submitted in October 1807.

3. It was not until after urgent and repeated Calls upon the Naib Dewan, & Omlah, & earnest application to the Nabob himself, that I could get anything in the Shape of a regular or digested account, the plea of difficulty & delay urged, was the demise of Roy Monick Chund who had the sole management & Controul of all the departments & was Supposed naturally to Superintend the entire detail of expense, he died when nine months were expired of the year 1214 & the subordinate Officers said the accounts and vouchers furnished by his family were incomplete & defective at length late in November they delivered the Accounts of which Translations are now forwarded.

4. On summarily observing, that the excess of expenditure in 1214 very materially exceeded that of any former year I felt it incumbent to address both the Nabob & Begum in the view & hope of obtaining Explanation as well general, as especial on those Items wherein the exceedings were most heavy, & also because it affords me the opportunity of expressing a considerable degree of Suprize & Concern the effect of which I hoped might be to induce very pointed Orders & Injunctions throughout every branch of the Department to observe strict Economy & general adherence to the new Plan prescribed and in this expectation I was not disappointed as His Highness did immediately circulate orders to the effect I recommended.

5. I have the honor to transmit herewith Copies & Translation of my Letters to the Nabob & Begum and of the answers which I received from their Highnesses. The Munnee Begum's answer is confined to expression of her desire that the Controul of Affairs should be vested in her Dewan & to intimation of her displeasure at the Charge inserted under the head of "extraordinary disbursements" for constructing an apartment of considerable dimension for the accommodation of Her Highness which she is of opinion should be defrayed from the sum allowed for annual repairs, which it would absorb altogether. The Nabob in his answer expresses a decided wish & determination to keep the disbursements in all possible Instances within the Limits prescribed, but expresses much doubt of this being practicable strictly in every respect & on deliberately considering the matter I greatly fear there must in one or two Items of fixed charge be some excess, besides what will result from Contingencies which cannot be foreseen & have in no respect been provided for, in the former I include the charge for Winter clothing Shouls &ca. for the various branches of the numerous families dependent on the Nizamut & the Charge arising from occasional orders from the Durbar, Items in the Meersaumance & Toshakanah Departments ; & amongst Contingencies likely to force Intrusion, I must refer to the necessity for purchasing occasionally Elephants, Camels, Oxen & Horses to Supply Casualties, & to enhancement of price of Grain of every description, which has lately ever been a burthensome excess.

6. The Nobab accompanied his Letter with a Statement of Remarks in explanation of excess of disbursement last year, & I have subjoined thereto such Observations as present themselves to me on a review of what His Highness has stated, deeming this mode in point of perspicuity preferable to swelling the detail of this address. The Subject of the Newarrah Lands and claim for both current receipts, & balances on Collections realized which have been partly carried to credit of Government, & partly sequestered by Zemindars, will I hope claim early consideration & induce orders necessary & appropriate, because the realization of those claims might form a Fund to meet existing Incumbrances, & be especially applicable to reducing the Floating Nizamut Debt. The excess under the head of Emarut has been very heavy, & in consequence upwards of Rs. 10,000 of the charge remains unliquidated,

& Swells the mass of Floating debt, perhaps a recommendation from Government might induce the Munnee Begum to bear this from her own resources, but without sanction of Such authority I could not propose it to Her Highness with any prospect of success. I apprehend it will be thought necessary to make some provision for completing the rebuilding of the Emaumbarrah.

7. Statement No. 1 shews the detail of exceedings in every department for 1214 B.S. amounting altogether to Rs. 89,371-10-10-2 & reduced by partial Savings of Rs. 1,611-15-4 to the neat Sum of Rs. 87,759-11-6-2 of this Rs. 42,011-4 are wiped off by the application of an unappropriated fund, the further amount exceedings being Sa. Rs. 45,748-7-6-2 is added to the aggregate of Floating debt which by the accounts rendered by me in October 1807 amounted to Rs. 1,08,196-2-7-2 and now stands at no less than Rs. 1,53,944-9-14.

8. Statement No. 2 shews the Detail of component Items of this floating Debt, which obviously presents itself in an alarming form as threatening unless some means are found to liquidate it or at least to check its accumulation, to absorb in process of time a considerable portion of the full resources of the Nizamut, independent of which it is worthy of notice that it becomes a great hardship on Individuals, who for Suits or Service performed or performing entitling them to Pay or allowances or on persons who furnish different articles of every sort for the use of the Nizamut that their wages or earnings should be diverted into extraneous Channels to meet disbursements in excess of Establishment for which there is no fund, and this System not only prevails in defeazance of existing Claims of Parties, but operates prospectively with its beneficial Influence, because the Charge of Rs. 26,629-1-2 is the result of anticipation of the resources of 1215 to meet disbursements of the preceding year, a practise which has obtained ever since the Stipend was reduced to its present Standard. I cannot therefore avoid pressing this matter on the notice of Government. It is true if the expense are in future confined within the Limits of the Plan adopted. The unappropriated Fund of Rs. 42,000 would wipe off the debt in less than four years but even that is an extended period for Parties to wait especially of the description of people claiming under the account Floating Debt and from past experience I cannot but apprehend the existing Fund will ever be much invaded annually tho' perhaps not absorbed.

9. Statement No. 3 shews what has been done in the course of the year 1214 B. S. & subsequent to the accounts made up & submitted on the 7th of October last by Roy Monick Chund deceased, towards the reduction of the private debts of the Nabob from available resources remaining to the Nizamut & exhibits those resources in detail. There appears a balance forthcoming from this quarter of Rs. 5,580 which I have thro' the medium of the acting Dewan Lalla Bolanaut hinted to His Highness it were desirable should be assigned towards reducing the Incumbrance of Floating Debt.

10. In the course of the current year a very considerable portion of the Nabobs Debts have been funded & acknowledgements have been taken from him for the Sum of Sa. Rs. 2,83,507-10-4 towards liquidation of which he regularly pays 3,500 p. mensem from his Privy Purse. The amount of Claims still outstanding against His Highness particularly are:

Amounts due to Besumber (in the name of Sookmun) for principal . . .	Rs. 48,000-0-0
Amount due to Nussur Ullah Khan on bond (secured by Jewels mortgaged) for principal	22,325-0-0
Amount of Debts unpaid . . .	Rs. 70,325-0-0
Due on account building the Emaumbarrah as p. Statement No. 7 of accompanyments to my letter on 7th October 1807 . .	23,784-13-12
Amount of Floating Nizamut Debt as p. account made up to the present time & submitted herewith	1,53,944- 9-14
	2,48,054- 7-10

Thus notwithstanding the seasonable aid afforded by Government there still stands against the Department generally a Claim nearly equal to that for which provision has been recently made. Nussur Ullah Khaun's demands is also I conclude in train of liquidation by Government, but the rest remains for future Consideration & arrangement, as tho' by the Contrivance of Roy Monick Chund and the seasonable partial application of resources which the Nizamut did possess Clamors were appeased & Claimants induced to forbearance, now that so large a portion of the resources have been assigned to fixd & Established purposes those who find their Pensions & means of Subsistence diverted to defray other charges will naturally feel very much aggrieved.

11. Statement No. 4 of Accompanyments shews the Appropriation & Distribution of the whole Nizamut Stipend as it stands & is to be considered from the 1st of Bysack 1215 B. S. after giving full effect to all the Retrenchments made by the Nizamut Committee as far as they were approved & confirmed by the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, & adding to the Establishments of Sheristah Nizamut & Sheristah Bhelah respectively the encreased allowances under the Orders issued of the 1st of February last amounting to Rs. 45,000 as P. annexed Statement No. 5 taking this abstractedly it will appear that the amount of resource gained by retrenchment falls short by the Sum Rs. 371-7-0-2 of the additional charges incurred but this will be fully met by the annual saving under the allowance for Medicine &ca. & in future years will be considerably more than covered by the reduction of Stipend of the Nabob Khulleel Ullah Khan for which Credit is only taken now for nine months because three months Stipend of the year 1214 had been issued before the order passed for this specific Resumption—in the meantime the excess in question is in temporary abatement of the unappropriated fund of Rs. 42,011-4 leaving it at only Rs. 41,639-12-19-2. It is proper to observe here that the aggregate of available Assets is taken at the Sum of Rs. 9,600 short of the Sum noted in the Statement which accompanied the Orders of Government conveyed with your Letter of the 1st February 1808 which Specified a saving of 4 P. Cent on Rs. 2,40,000 intended to be funded of the Nabob's debts because His Highness

was liable to pay Interest to Bankers & others, at the rate of 12 P. cent whilst the Debt is funded by Government at 8 P. Cent, but tho' Rs. 2,83,000 have been so funded the difference or Saving is not felt as a resource palpably available & applicable to exigencies so long as the whole Sum which the Nabob as Debtor pays to Government as Creditor goes into the public treasury, his whole debt will be discharged much sooner than if the Interest was taken at 12 P. Cent but it cannot be an available resource unless Government were to forego for the time so much of the Rs. 3,500 which the Nabob pays monthly from his privy purse as should be equivalent to four P. Cent in the Sum advanced for him without that the Resource looks well on paper but cannot be made efficient when at the Commencement of last year the Nizamut Accounts were under consideration, the unappropriated fund of Rs. 42,011-4 appears to have escaped observation at least it was not Specially mentioned in the Scale of distribution & I own it escaped my reduction altogether. It was certainly the wish & Intention of Roy Monick Chund that this should continue as it has done for the last twelve years & upwards to be a resource for to reduce the amount of Floating Debt, or which is much the same thing to meet those contingencies or excesses of disbursement which compose & swell that account & on that footing it may as well remain.

12. The Nabob appears to feel the irksomeness of his Situation & in conversation often expresses an Intention to represent to Government his hope & desire that by some immediate addition to the Stipend (conformably to his Construction of the Letter to his father from Mr. Cartier) at least until annuities fall in to render it more equal to his real Wants & necessary expenditure, he may be enabled to live in a more comfortable & respectable manner without incurring further Debts, on this Occasions I always endeavor to divert him from the purpose of any direct application from which I assure him no advantage will accrue. His Intentions are I really believe sincerely directed to principles of Economy an earnest wish to Keep the expenses of every department within the bounds prescribed, but in this he is very feebly seconded by those in office, & he is not always disposed to active interference in the detail of his own Affairs, thus much must be left to his Omlah who are assuredly not two [*sic*] efficient. Lalla Bholanaut Roy the Naib Dewan is a well disposed Man but very little versed in business & not possessing energy or exertion at any time & from [infirmity] & frequent ill health too often quite incapacitated. With respect to the other Mutsuddies, Moonshees, & Mohrirs I have but a very indifferent opinion of the whole of them either as to their capacity or principles, in short the Department Sustained an irreparable loss when it was deprived of the Talents, the experience diligence & probity of that faithful minister Roy Monick Chund, he kept all the Departments in proper Subjection & certainly managed with great address. The Machine is now so lovely[?] organized from the great Want of an efficient head ministerial Officer (and without such I really think it never can or will be well conducted) from the dissensions which prevail between the Amlah of the Nabob & Begum & from the necessity for watchful care to keep expenses within limits that it requires a most active vigilant & unremitting Controul & superintendence which I endeavor to pay to it as far as I can without neglecting other Official duties. In the usual routine of Judicial functions I should at the end of next month take my turn of Circuit Duty, & shall be absent on that Service at least four month unless any provision could be made of Substitution which I should gladly see done, because I fear matters may get into some confusion in the Nizamut during an extended absence for altho' I cannot positively coerce & in all respects restrain His Highnesses Officers & Omlah still I have reason to think Some good consequence ensues from their finding me always on the alert, disposed to enquire what they are doing, & by my own injunction & by frequent Importunity with His Highness urging them to a strict performance of their several duties & in particular enforcing the necessity of each in his department limiting the expenditure by the Scale prescribed, observing to them they will no longer have the Plea, that excess was owing to the administration of a deceased Officer or that the new Plan & system laid down as a Rule of Conduct was not fully made Known & promulgated before the commencement of the Current Bengal year. That these attentions and Remonstrances will accomplish the full end desired and I will not take upon me to say, but I think I can confidently promise they will check excess & repress improvident Conduct.

13. Conformably to the orders conveyed in your letter of the 28th November Rs. 52,000 have been advanced to those persons who have contracted for certain buildings & repairs carrying on in the Kellah, a further considerable advance will be required early in March. I have, not to this time neglected ascertaining how the Contractors have employed the advances already made & I know that they have laid in a Stock of suitable Timbers have burnt from 15 to 20 Lacks of Bricks & have a large further quantity ready & have sent to Dacca & Sylhet for considerable Supplies of Chunam, & my full Intention & wishes in due obedience to the orders issued in the 6th Paragraph of your Letter of the 12th September last to exercise an active & vigilant Controul over the whole progress of the Work that I may distinctly see that the advances are properly applied & the Work justly executed & on this score I shall greatly regret being carried at the most essential period for superintending the Works a considerable distance from the scene of action because not returning until long after the Rains shall have commenced it will be no easy matter to rectify any intermediate neglect or absuse.

14. I conceive nothing will tend so much to maintain order & regularity on the Several Departments, & a tenacious adherence to the Plans laid down as a full Conviction on the part of the Dewan and other Officers that the Accounts of each years will be regularly required for the purpose of being submitted as early as possible in the ensuing Season to the immediate Inspection of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General, if the Intrusion I have now hazarded by the present dispatch Shall not be deemed unseasonable I hope to be authorized to continue the same form annually.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 28th January 1809.

T. Pattle,
Supt. of Nizt Affrs.

No. 1.

Enclosure No. 1.

Copy of a Letter to His Highness the Nabob dated 6th December 1808.

Roy Bolanaut (the Naib Dewan) has delivered to me the Accounts of the Nizamut receipts & disbursements for the whole of the year elapsed 1214 B.S. on inspection thereof finding the expenditure so far exceeds the Income & fixed establishment has caused me surprize as well as concern. The excess this year amounts to no less than Rs. 87,000 altho' the Dewan & Officers have submitted to me a Statement in detail of the Items of excess, they do not assign any reasons or Causes of the Excess—You are well aware that in former years there was a fund or resource of unapplied means to meet any excess of expenditure, but in the years 1214 & 1215 the whole of that Fund has been appropriated to answer necessary demands & to complete the Establishments under some heads & to afford encrease as requisite in others. Therefore you will be pleased to consider that if expenses we [*sic*] incurred beyond the established resources, it will hereafter be very difficult to make provision for such. On making enquiry of your Officers regarding the excess of expense they answer generally that the new arrangement was not promulgated in 1214 B.S. & did not take effect until the present year, moreover they add that the whole disbursements where exceedings are found occurred during the administration of Roy Monick Chund deceased. It is true the new arrangement was not adopted in 1214 but at all times & under any circumstances a consideration of the established amount of Income should govern the Scale of expense. The Persons now in office in the different departments will be but too readily disposed to throw all blame on the deceased Dewan but whatever may be the real State of the case in respect to that I have now said everything that was requisite & proper to Roy Bolonaut the Naib Dewan & to Lalla Joynaut one of your principal Officers to impress them with a Sense of the necessity of keeping the expenses within the Limits prescribed, & I now intrude on your Highness with my urgent request that you will give Strict Orders that the expenses in each & every department may be regulated upon the Principle laid down by the Nizamut Committee after infinite trouble & pains of Investigation & enquiry & very many reference as well to your Highness as to the Munnee Begum which Plan was submitted to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General & by His Lordship approved & confirmed & to which you was also pleased to give full acquiescence. I trust you will take the trouble to call the Naib Dewan & the Mutsuddies of each department & the Darogahs of the different Establishments into your Presence & will strictly enjoin them to regulate the several expenses in their different Lines by the tenor of the Plan laid down, & will inform them that if excess of expenditure is incurred each Officer who has the charge & controul of the department thus exceeding will be held personally liable for the Deviation. If any of the principal Officers demur & plead that the Plan laid down cannot be strictly enforced, there can be no difficulty to find others to Supply their places, for unless this is done, the excess of expenditure accumulating each year will swell to a great amount & it will be next to impossible to find Funds to meet it your understanding is enlightened & you will assuredly do what is proper.

To the Munnee Begum of Similar tenor forwarded on the 12th of December 1808.

No. 2.

Enclosure No. 2.

Copy of the Answer from Her Highness the Munnee Begum to my Letter received on the 27th of December.

I have received your Letter of the 12th Instant (here reciting the Contents thereof) Formerly the deceased Dewan Roy Monick Chund having the whole Superintendence of all the Concerns of the Nizamut from time to time gave me report & full Information & he submitted the accounts to you for translation matters then went on very well. From the time of his demise none of the Officers of the Nizamut are in attendance upon me. The Affairs of the Nizamut are these which I consider as my own & it is the desire of my heart to see it in a flourishing State of course I feel distress if any of its Concerns go wrong. Therefore I have more than once mentioned to you that I am not informed how things are going on but you did not pay attention to this now after the expiration of a year you enquire of me regarding excess of expenditure that has occurred & touching measures to be adopted. The Nizamut Concerns are mine & every one is desirous that their own Interests should prosper do you enjoin the Mutsuddies Sheristahdars & other Officers of the Nizamut to attend at my Dewry & to report to Roy Poorun Chund my Dewan everything that occurs in their Departments & to submit to him all accounts of disbursements, then according to former Custom I shall attend to all the Affairs & concerns of the Nizamut. You observe that they state all exceedings of expenditure to have occurred in Roy Monick Chunds time, you know full well that the deceased Roy for a series of years conducted the Affairs of the Nizamut most admirably with the utmost circumspection & every advantage now that he is no more every one will assert what they please let them do so now Roy Bolonaut has submitted to me an account in detail of excess of expenditure by which I observe that amongst the Items of exceeding a charge is stated of about Rs. 17,900 for building the Barrah Dewry of my Apartments, this excites my astonishment for the expense of this building falls within the Established allowance as I know not in what manner the accounts are now prepared it is not surprizing that Charges allowed & established should be entered as Extraordinary disbursements.

No. 3.

Enclosure No. 3.

Copy of a Letter to Her Highness the Munnee Begum dated 28th December 1808.

After usual Compliments & acknowledgement of her letter received the preceding day. I have understood the [Encomium] which your Highness has been pleased to pass on Roy Monick Chund for his good Conduct & abilities to all which I most fully agree & subscribe but still you will be pleased to consider that as his demise occurred at the very end of the month of December corresponding with the month of Poos 1214 B.S. near nine Months of the year were elapsed & whatever excess

of expenditure has occurred it is said took place during his administration the accounts in detail with dates of expense are in the hands of the Officers & altho' the whole may not have occurred in his time, it is presumable it must be in proportion to the term of his management or about three fourths of the whole. With respect to the non attendance of the Officers of the Nizamut at your Highnesses Deury since the demise of Roy Monick Chund & your wish that I should enjoin their attendance for the purpose of explaining all accounts to Roy Poorun Chund your Highnesses Dewan & reporting minutely to him on all Circumstances ; I beg to assure you that from first to last I have most particularly desired Roy Bolonaut & all the Officers of the Nizamut to attend at your Dewry & to represent all matters particularly to you I still do this & will continue my Injunctions & Roy Bolonaut assures me that he & his Officers are constantly in attendance as desired, but it does not appear to me conformable to the tenor of my Instructions from the Right Hon'ble the Governor General that I should direct the Mutsuddies of the Nizamut to be in attendance upon Roy Poorun Chund for the purpose of explaining to him Accounts or reporting to him in detail on all Occurrences thereby giving him direct Interference of Controul in the various branches of the Nizamut consequently I before informed your Highness that it was not intended that Roy Poorun Chund should have authority of Interference or Superintendence in the Affairs of the Nizamut, now on what ground can I enjoin the Officers of the Nizamut to await his Orders I can in no respect deviate from the Orders of Government—Your understanding is comprehensive & you must be convinced of this—It is my earnest desire on all Occasions to conform to your wishes & Inclinations & when I submit to Government the accounts of the elapsed year I shall lay before them what you have now been pleased to State.

I observe what your Highness States that the building your Barrah Dewry apartment falls under the head of established Charges whilst the Nizamut Officers have inserted this expense under the head of exceedings or Extraordinaries in amount about Rs. 17,900. I have examined the Nizamut Accounts for the past & present Period & see that the whole allowance for repairs of all buildings of every description & for keeping them in proper order & condition amounts to Rs. 18,600 P. annum Can it be deemed reasonable that of this 18,600 Rs. no less than 17,900 should be absorbed on one Object, how in such case would the rest be provided for by the remaining Rs. 700. When any new building is undertaken, the expense of that is considered wholly distinct, from the matter of constant repairs as is evidently evinced by the Circumstance that Sundry buildings are constructing or to be Constructed for the Nabob, several of the Begum & for the Nabobs sons, & for your Highness for defraying the expense thereof assignments have been granted on the public Treasury. As the Barrah Dewry in question is an Erection new from the foundation Roy Bolonaut has naturally inserted the expense under the head of Extraordinaries. Your Highness states that I have called upon you in these matters after the lapse of a year so far from it scarce one week has elapsed, for when Roy Bolonaut laid before me the Accounts for the year 1214 B.S. I lost no time in addressing your Highness I am always disposed to meet your wishes & extremely entrusted in your Welfare of which I am hopeful you will indulge me with frequent & continual Information.

No. 4.

Enclosure No. 4.

Copy of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob received on the 16th of January 1809.

After Compliments & reciting the Contents of my Letter of the 6th December His Highness writes. It is certain that the excess of expenditure complained of by you was incurred during the administration of Roy Monick Chund deceased the Dewan of Her Highness the Begum, whose good management & superior abilities are by one & all so much extilled [*sic*], and you will have noticed the excess of disbursements under the head of Repairs &ca. for the accommodation of the Begum as detailed in the particulars of the accounts rendered From the commencement of the year 1215 B.S. I have published & given effect to the Plan framed by the Committee, & have given most pointed & particular Instructions to Roy Bholanaut & the other Officers to confine the disbursements strictly to the Plan laid down & not to admit any excess whatever these I shall again at your present Instance most particularly repeat. Roy Bholonaut & the several heads of the different departments are accordingly governing their Conduct by the Rule laid down as far as may be, but from the confined state of the resources & the indispensable Calls for Sundry most necessary expenses much embarrassment & difficulty must occur in many departments & altho' I have under Sense of infinite personal Inconvenience acquiesced in the arrangement which has been laid down, Objects of a nature in themselves inevitable will ultimately cause excess of disbursements, for by reference to the Accounts of former years you will plainly see, that there is a constant excess of expenditure beyond the Income established but to this time some provision in aid or relief of this extra expense was derived from resources unappropriated. Now that in 1214 & 1215 B.S. these resources have been completely absorbed in augmentation of Sundry allowances, my mind feels considerable anxiety on pondering how these extra disbursements can be provided for which arise from the advanced prices paid for Grain of every description & from other Charges indispensable of course not to be avoided, without the favorable aid & fostering care & protection of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General nothing effectual can be done—I stated all these Matters long Since to the Governor General & to you observing that altho' the Gentlemen of the Committee had with infinite pains & labor made an arrangement for the expenses of the Nizamut it did not appear to me that the Reductions enjoined & System adopted would be practicable or eligible, nor that until the Right Hon'ble the Governor General should grant some encrease to the Resources, (in conformity to the tenor of the Letter from the Hon'ble John Cartier Esqr. who when the Stipend was reduced one half wrote to my deceased father that when he arrived at the Age of twenty one the Hon'ble Company would assuredly take his case into their Consideration) would there be any effectual relief for my troubles & difficulties Since they proceed from such a material reduction of the Stipend. My father as well as I have made many representation to the different Governors praying that

this Engagement of Mr. Cartier's might have effect, you will be pleased to consider that if there are not resources adequate to meet those disbursements which are indispensable in the families of rank & Consideration how can they possibly manage? In the Articles of Winter Clothing, Shauls Razeys &ca. and in the expenses of the Kitchen for the several Dewries, the Sahebzads & the Sons-in-law of my deceased father and in other Items of expense which constantly must & will exceed the prescribed Establishment how are these to be provided for, the attempt to curtail these would be a measure most disgraceful & Still if it is not done, the Plan must be violated. I in conformity to the wishes expressed in your letter am extremely desirous that there should be no excess of expenditure but I think it necessary & proper to State fairly to you how matters are circumstanced & in a Separate Statement accompanying I have noted in particular detail of explanation certain Causes which appear to me to have occasioned such material excess of expenditure in the Course of the year 1214 B.S. that you becoming fully acquainted with all the particulars may make such representation as is adapted to the Case to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in the view of recurring Comfort & relief for myself and the different branches of my family.

Enclosure No. 5.

Statement explanatory annexed to the Letter from His Highness the Nabob of date the 16th January 1809 with regard to excess of expenditure in the Year 1214 B.S.

Detail of excess of expenditure in 1214 B.S.

No. 1. In Sheristah Nizamut Rs. 2,944- 4- 0

Pay & Establishment of Sheik Warress Ally at 70 P.mo. 840- 0- 0

Remark thereon

No money has for the last three years been received from the Collectors for the Jagheer Lands of the Nowarah Mehal in Mymunsing & Tipperah when any remittances come from them on that account this excess of disbursement will be defrayed from that resource

Pay of an European Coachman & some additional Servants in the Stable amounting together to Rs. 105-4 P. Mo. or annually to 1,263- 0- 0

This Charge was incurred in the administration of Roy Monick Chund and must be discontinued in future—

Extra Dandies during the rainy Season . 841- 4- 0

This expense has not been incurred without actual existing necessity, hereafter it will be retrenched within the narrowest possible limits

Total excess in the year of Sheristah Nizamut Rs. 2,944- 4- 0

No. 2. In Sheristah Bhelah for sundry expenses as detailed . . . . . Rs. 605- 0- 0

Remark thereon

Roy Monick Chund entertained upon the Establishment Golaum Ally Seal Engraver, Shaum working Jeweller Inderchund Batacharje a Brahmin also Netye & other Dandies some were discharged altogether during his life time & others after his demise, but Netye &ca. dandies are attached to different departments, & their continuance appears necessary, if they are discharged it will cause much Inconvenience but in this whatever may be the pleasure of the Governor General will be enforced

No. 3. In the Meersaumanee & Toshak Khanah Departments . . . . Rs. 59,649- 9- 6

Detail thereof with remarks on each separate Item

Charge of Winter Clothing, Shauls, Razoys &ca. . . . . Rs. 9,827- 4-10

In the Plan adopted in Sir John Haringtons time Rs. 31,353-8 is allowed for this expense & the excess is as above stated In Sir John Doylys time this disburse was fixed at Rs. 66,000 & upwards in Mr. (illegible) time it was reduced to Rs. 48,000 there was even great difficulty to bear the charge at this rate but it was so managed, the present allowance is on the Standard of what was fixed by Sir J. Harington when this arrangement was made the Sons of my deceased father, & his daughters my Sisters were all very tender age & had no call for great expense of Clothing an Infant may be dressed at little Charge with exception to the Dewry of the Munnee Begum, all the rest of the Begums their Servants & dependents participate in this Article of Charge as well as all the Officers of any rank or Consideration attached to the Nizamut. Now all my brothers' & Sisters are arrived at maturity & all the latter are married & their Husbands living & some of them have families now their Claims are not on the Scale of their infant state every endeavor is used to keep this Item of expense within limits, Still there is unavoidably a considerable excess. If it shall be the pleasure of the Governor General the distribution of winter Clothing to my brother Sisters & their husbands must be discontinued altogether I must conform to what may be required.

Khelaut Gratuities &ca. . . . . Rs. 7,572- 8- 0

In the year 1214 B.S. His Majesty graciously conferred on me a distinguished Title & on the Occasion Khilauts were of course distributed to several Persons & on the Occasion of the Marriage of Juggut Seets Son a Khilaut of Value was by advice of Roy Monick Chund bestowed upon him in future every means will be used to keep this Item of expense within the limits prescribed.

Repairs of Boats making some new & their appertenances . . . . . Rs. 3,785- 9-10

Rs. 7,600 is the allowance fixed for this Item of expense as many of the boats were extremely old & very much out of condition & their Rigging & Sails quite worn out, the excess above noted has been unavoidably expended, especially as it was my Intention to visit Calcutta & I wished to travel properly & comfortably.

Making, repairing and gilding Chubdar Sticks, Soontabardars &ca. &ca. &ca. . Rs. 1,076- 2-11

There is not in the Plan any allowance whatever for this Sort of expense, as the Chubdars & Soontabardars Sticks &ca. were of old date & fashion & in progress of time has Sustained much wear & tear a thorough repair was most essentially necessary especially under the Idea that I was about to visit Calcutta.

Cost of Camels purchased . . . Rs. 1,363- 0- 0

In The time of my ancestors a thousand Camels formed part of the Establishment now in consideration of deficiency of resource the number kept is very small, but from extreme age & long Service they all died lately & last year I sent to Hindostan & purchased ten for Rs. 1,363.

Cost of Elephants . . . . . Rs. 1,616- 0- 0

There is no provision whatever for this in the Establishment My ancestors had hundreds of these animals in their Train, now there are but few & of these some die annually & their places must be supplied, for if there are not Elephants kept up, it is disgraceful to the reputation of Men of Rank thus the Sum in question was expended in making purchases absolutely necessary.

Cost of Oxen . . . . . Rs. 520- 0- 0

There is no provision whatever for this expense, as many of the Cattle on the Establishment were old, infirm & die their places must be supplied for the Coaches, Hackeries Water Bags &ca. as without these everything would be at a stand thus in 1214 B.S. Rs. 520 were expended on the purchase of Oxen for draught & Carriage, Some must necessarily be purchased every year to Supply deficiency by death or Casualties.

Cost of Tents &ca. . . . . Rs. 5,562- 8- 4

There is no allowance whatever for making Tents, for Carpets Kenauts or Purdahs &ca. & numbers being entirely worn out a new provision thereof became necessary, this was an expense I could not avoid especially under the expectation I had of going to Calcutta & the Tents I had were quite unserviceable, thus Rs. 5,562 were expended in purchase of some and making others.

Embroidering & making Cases or Covers for Matchlocks . . . . . Rs. 3,897-15-16

All the Guncases &ca. were very old and new were requisite appendages of State of this nature are indispensable in the Train of Men of high Rank & there is no provision for them in the Establishment & under Intention of visiting Calcutta I wished these things to be put in proper Condition.

Cost of China Dishes, Plates &ca. . . Rs. 1,200- 0- 0

There is no provision for this Charge & there will ever be constant breakage & without a supply matters of a domestic nature could not go on thus a purchase was necessary to the above extent.

Dressing food & distributing for religious purposes in the Ramzaun . . . Rs. 1,300-10-14

This expense is little capable of Reduction, the Committee struck off Rs. 500 from this Item, if it remained on its former Standard it was till inadequate, however as this excess of expense was incurred during the administration of Roy Monick Chund, precautions will be used to prevent its recurring as far as practicable, but it will be a matter of difficulty.

Expenses accruing by Orders from the Dewries . . . . . Rs. 1,269- 3- 8

Roy Monick Chund the Dewan was Mooktar of the Dewry of Her Highness Munnee Begum & his order for expenses incurred in the Dewries was considered absolute, at that time during his life interference was not deemed appropriate but in future this expense will be attended to.

Charges of the Edeul fitter . . . Rs. 1,477-14 -5

This excess was incurred during the administration of Roy Monick Chund & under his orders, in future attention will be paid to it.

Wax Candles &ca. for general purpose . Rs. 450- 2- 6

Enhancement of price of the article caused this excess.

Expense of the Behrah Festival . . Rs. 191- 9-11

Roy Monick Chund had the whole & sole management of this disbursements & you will recollect that in 1215 the Illuminations were Superior & the expense was within the limits prescribed & it will be kept within that Standard in future.

Wax Cloth, Currwah &ca. for general purposes . . . . . Rs. 163- 0- 9

The expence unavoidably exceeded the allowance if the price of the articles should be more moderate it will be kept within the Sum allowed.

Gunnies Jute Twine &ca. for general use . Rs. 664- 8- 6

In former Years Some remained in Store from Stock laid in but from the heavy & continued rain of the preceding year the whole perished thus an extra expenditure was unavoidable in 1214. Spices &ca. for Hauks &ca. aviary.

Nothing is allowed for this in the Plan but in Sickness the Birds especially Hauks & others of high price must have Musk Saffron & other Spices.

Enhanced price of Grain of every description . . . . . Rs. 17,632-12-19

This arises from the high price of Grain in 1214 B.S. this is an Object out of the scope of human endeavors the price of Grain depends on Seasons & Elements, if in the ensuing year provision can be made at a moderate price there will no excess of expense.

Emarut or Repairs of Buildings . . Rs. 19,478- 2-10

You will recollect that all the Nizamut buildings have been long in a State of utter ruin & disrepair, this is notorious to the Gentlemen & to all who live in or near Moorshedabad, besides in 1213 & 1214 from the heavy Rains all Suffered & some fell down altogether so as to be untenantable, this State of things was reported to Government—under these Circumstances in Roy Monick Chunds time Rs. 17,921-1-4 were expended in building an apartment in the Mehalserai of the Munnee Begum called the Barrah Dewry the further excess of Rs. 1,557-1-6 was expended in propping & repairing old buildings in excess of the established allowance.

Mohurrum . Rs. 6,694-10-14-2

Altho' from 1209 to 1214 B.S. Rs. 1,67,000 and upwards have been expended in building the Emaumbarrah still this most necessary edifice has not been completed, therefore the above Sum has been expended last year in repairing & completing some particular small apartments at present for want of fund, this building is wholly at a stand, the attention to it is an Object connected with future Salvation; There is no resource for this essential Concern but in the favour & protection of the Governor General I have confident hope that by his considerate benevolence all my anxiety touching the completion of the Temple of Worship will be relieved & my heart will be comforted & at rest.

Enclosure No. 6.

Remarks by the Superintendent of Nizamut Affairs on the explanatory Statement which accompanied the Letter from His Highness the Nabob of date the 16th January 1809.

No. 1. Establishment of Sheik Wariss Ally with the Nabobs remark thereon ... Rs. 840

This Aumeen was deputed in conformity to the Orders of Government & the tenor of the recommendation from the Most Noble the Governor General in a Letter to His Highness written on the 9th July 1802 & sent thro' my Office from that time for the six years immediately ensuing the Pay & Establishment of Sheik Wariess Ally have been borne as an extra charge in the disbursements under the head of Sheristah Nizamut which so long as there existed an unappropriated Fund to meet Items of extra disburse was not material Now that the whole resources without any reserve are absorbed in fixed disbursements appertaining to the Establishment on the new Plan adopted, this expense requires a Fund to meet it & assuredly none so proper as that designated by the Nabob provided it could be depended upon, but no remittances have been received since May 1807. On the 24th June 1807 I had the honor to report to Government thro' the Persian Secretary on the Subject of these Nawarah Lands & His Highnesses Claims thereon I then Submitted Copy of a Letter from the Nabob accompanied by Accounts in detail of Collections made from 1202 to 1212 inclusive & in His Highnesses name I solicited that some explanatory Orders might be issued to the Collectors of Mymensing & Tipperah respectively as well for the general management of the lands as for the recovery of balances ascertained & admitted Said to amount to the Sum of Rs. 42,000 of which Rs. 12,217 were remitted to the Nabob thro' the Collector of Moorshedabad in 1807 as appears by His Highnesses letter, to this time I have had no answer to this reference of June 1807 & as no further Remittances have been made it would seem that the Object awaited some further orders from Government thro' the Board of Revenue whose determination will of course affect this Item of annual excess of disbursement.

With respect to the Item of Rs. 1,263 excess for wages of an European Coachman & other Stable Servants which His Highness remarks must be discontinued ; I understand discontinuance of an extra Charge is thereby meant for I am aware the Nabob cannot dispense with the Services of the Parties but the amount must be defrayed from the Privy Purse or met by proportionate retrenchment in other Items of Stable expense.

I can offer no remark on the Observation of the Nabob touching the Charge for extra Dandies amounting to Rs. 841-4 the Dewan States the expense to be indispensable.

No. 2. On this also I have no remark to submit as the Nabob says whatever the Governor General shall be pleased to order will be enforced ; tho' much Inconvenience may accrue.

No. 3. I observe with great regret the very heavy excess in this Department—The Item of Winter Clothing, Shauls &ca. forms by far the heaviest article of exceedings Rs. 9,827-4-10. The Note of the Committee of Nizamut in 1802 when this Object was under consideration will be found in Statement No. 6 of Accompanyments article the 9th it is very full & explanatory & it will be seen that the actual annual expense was by Roy Monick Chund then reported to be Rs. 38,879 Still the Committee assumed it at Rs. 31,353 under authority of Sir John Haringtons plan & report the Committee then entertained some doubt whether this disburse would ever be confined within the Limits prescribed, under the long explanatory Observation now offered by the Nabob I feel that doubt confirmed tho' the exceeding is Rs. 9,827 beyond the Sum fixed by the Committee it is only Rs. 1,300 beyond what Roy Monick Chund reported the annual indispensable expense. It is a charge to meet the Wants of numerous persons of various description & some (I allude to the Dewries) are persons, capricious & untractable, if the Portions allotted appear to them defective either in quality or quantity they are said to reject them with disdain which inducing reference to the Nabob & Munnee Begum, the executive Officers seldom find themselves supported by Instructions severely injunctive but the Pleas of the Complainants are received, with much Indulgence thus I very much fear this Charge will never be kept within bound, & His Highness evidently under this Impression asks for Injunction of partial discontinuance by authority to some parties. If this is ordered they will of course be very clamorous & the want of an efficient executive Officer will be greatly felt.

The excess of expense for Khilauts in 1214 Rs. 7,572-8 is very heavy but under the assurance the Nabob gives

I have no desire to entrude any remark, nor can I offer any on the two Items immediately succeeding Repairs of boats Rs. 3,785 & repairs & guilding of Gold & Silver Sticks & other appendages of State. There certainly existed a considerable deficiency in the Establishments of Camels, Elephants, & Oxen, there must occur casualties in regard to these animals and there remains no fund for the purpose of course all purchases made become Items of excess adverting to the Character & dignity of the Durbar & the extent of its wants I cannot take upon me say that the expense incurred last year for these three Items amounting altogether to Rs. 3,499 was excessive as a price nearly equal to that whole Sum is occasionally paid for one Male Elephant.

The two Succeeding Items are heavy Cost of Tents Rs. 5.562 and Embroidery to Guncases &ca. Rs. 3,897 with respect to the first I can vouch that the Camp equipage of His Highness was in very woeful plight new tents were not made up or purchased until they were absolutely wanted & one bought of a General Officer cost a long price respecting embroidery to Guncases &ca. I am wholly uninformed. These charges were incurred it is said, during the administration of Roy Monick Chund & under avowed Intention of a personal visit to the Governor General. I was at the Presidency at the time or I might perhaps in some small degree have checked this seeming extravagance.

On the Excess for purchase of China War[e] for table use I have no remark to offer except expression of regret that there is no fund for what seems a contingency to be always expected.

Excess of charge on expense of dressing & distributing victuals in the Ramzaun Rs. 1,300. It will be Seen by reference to the Committee's proceedings & by Statement marked H of accompanyments to their general report that His Highness the Nabob most strongly remonstrated against their retrenchment of Rs. 543 in the annual allowance for this article of expense still as in the present Occasion the Nabob promises a reform in this Object I need say nothing regarding it nor touching the article immediately following of Rs. 1,269 for excess of expense on Orders from the Dewries. I hope the Officers now employed may keep this within the bounds prescribed, but I do not discover in any of them Talent to war with Success with the caprice of the females of the different Seraglios.

As the Nabobs Officers promise attention to the future disbursements on the celebration of the Edeul Fitter I need not offer Observations on the excess of Rs. 1,477 incurred in the year 1214.

I believe that enhancement of price was the chief cause of the excess of expense Rs. 450 in purchase of Wax Candles in 1214 if they fall in price there may be a proportionate saving in another Season.

The article of Behrah expenditure calls for no observation nor can I submit anything on the Subject of the excess of expenditure for the purchase of Wax Cloth Gunnies &ca. or for Medicine & Spices for Birds.

Excess of expense by enhanced price of Grain Rs. 17,632

This has been most heavy charge in the Nizamut disbursements for several years especially in 1213 & 1214 & assuredly Rice & every Sort of Grain was most exorbitantly dear during the greatest part of last Year which was represented to Government by their Highnesses the Nabob & Begum in December 1807 & I had Occasion to report upon the Subject in my letter to the Persian Secretary of date the 14 December 1807 to which I now beg permission to refer. If very material difference actually exists between the price Grain bears & that which it did bear when the Estimates of Expenditure were framed, the Nizamut must sustain embarrassment from the defect of Assets to meet such contingency which was assuredly not in the contemplation of those who framed the Several Plans.

Emarut or Excess on buildings and Repairs Rs. 19,478

I need offer nothing on this Item more than is stated in my address to Her Highness the Begum Copy & Translation of which accompanies. I certainly observed this extensive building called the Barrah Dewry carrying on in the year 1806 & 1807 because when I visited the Munnee Begum I was obliged to pass close to it & in the Summer of 1807 Monick Chund made me walk over the whole of it as it was then quite complete & finished— I certainly never questioned the deceased Roy particularly on the Subject, still from general Conversation I understood it was a work carrying on at the expense of Her Highness the Munnee Begum being solely for her accommodation & within her Precincts. I was therefore much surprized to find it stated in the lump on the Accounts for 1214 and I am inclined to think if Roy Monick Chund had lived to make up the accounts of the year it would not have been so stated.

Mohurrum ... Rs. 6,694-10-14-2

I can add nothing to the remark Submitted by His Highness on this article. The Sum expended on building this Temple of Worship Rs. 1,67,711 & the resources from which the fund was derived appear in Statement No. 7 of accompanyments to my letter of the 7th October 1807 since which the Sum above noticed has been further expended & the work to common Observation appears far from being complete. In September 1802 Roy Monick Chund informed the Committee that the whole Charge expected to be incurred on building the Emaumbarrah would not exceed Rs. 1,25,000 Still during his administration it has amounted to upwards of Rs. 1,74,000. I have desired the proper Officer to submit an estimate of what more is required to finish it entirely which I shall transmit hereafter.

I must add to the above by way of general remark with respect to the considerable amount of excess of disbursement altogether, that it will assuredly not escape notice that the new plan prescribed for the regulation of the expenditure of the Stipend was not promulgated or adopted until the commencement of the Bengal year 1215 or the 12th of April 1808 of course the arrangement in 1214 for which year the Accounts are now submitted was on the old system & for nine months of the year or until the close of December 1807 Roy Monick Chund had the sole management & Controul of the whole department. In making up the Accounts it is not improbable that the Subordinate Officers in various departments may have taken advantage of his death to introduce some improper Charges & to swell the expenses under their Care. I trust the present years expenses will be conducted with more Economy, with due regularity and a constant regard to the Plan laid down at the commencement of 1808.

No. 1.

Statement exhibiting the amount & detail of the exceedings in the Nizamut disbursements which have occurred in the year 1214 B.S.

Nizamut department as p. particulars exhibited under mark B in Statement of receipts & disbursements for the year		2,944- 4- 0- 0
Bhelah Department as P. particulars exhibited under mark D in Statement of accounts for the year		605- 0- 0- 0
Toshak Khanah & Meersaumanee Departments as P. accounts accompanying under mark E		59,649- 9- 6- 0
Emarut as P. accounts now sent F		19,478- 2-10- 0
Mohurrum expended for buildings		6,694-10-14- 2
Total excess of expense	Rs.	89,371-10-10- 2
Deduct saving in certain branches of the establishment desiring [during ?] the year Vizt.		
In Sheristah Nizamut	Rs. 1,105- 6-0	
In Sheristah Bhelah	110-12-0	
In allowance for Medicine &ca.	395-13-4	
		1,611-15- 4- 0
Leaving the gross sum of exceedings in the year at	Rs.	87,759-11- 6- 2

E. E.

Moorshedabad,
the 28th January 1809.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

No. 2.

Statement shewing at the close of the year 1214 B.S. the state & detail of the Floating Nizamut Debt which was submitted as an Accompanyment to the Committees report of the 9th November 1802 under Mark L & the progressive detail of this account has been regularly Annexed to the general Accounts for five years or from 1209 to 1213 inclusive submitted by me on the 7th October 1807

At the close of the year 1213 it stood at the sum of	Rs.	1,08,196- 2- 7- 2
It has sustained augmentations in the course of the year 1214 by excess of disburse & debts contracted to the amount as P. detail in Statement No. 1 of		87,759-11- 6- 2
		1,95,955-13-14- 0
It has been reduced by the Application to its relief of the unappropriated Nizamut Fund annexed to the Accounts now submitted (*Vide* Statement No. 4.)		42,011- 4- 0- 0
Which leaves the amount of Floating Debt now due		1,53,944- 9-14- 0
Of which Sum the following are the particulars in detail Vizt.		
Balance due to the Servants & others in the Nizamut Establishment		29,201- 0- 0- 0
Do. Do. to the Bhelah Shagurd Peshah		897- 0- 0- 0
Do. Do. to the Persons employed in the Provision of Consumption in the Meershaumanee & Tosah Khanah Departments		33,708-12- 4- 1
Balance due under head of Emarut to People employed in building & Repairs		10,382-13- 8- 0
Do. Do. to People for Articles Supplied at the Mohurrum festival		5,177- 3- 2- 1
Do. Do. for Gratuities		400- 0- 0- 0
Do. Do. Money borrowed without Interest		47,548-11-17- 2
Halbunjeet or anticipation of the receipts of the ensuing to make good debts incurred in the former year		26,629- 1- 2- 0
	Rs.	1,53,944- 9-14- 0
N. B.—Amount of Floating Debt when the Committee made up the Nizamut Accounts to the end of 1208 B.S.		1,22,178-15- 2- 2
Increase from 1209 to 1214 inclusive a term of six years		31,765-10-11- 2
The Debt now Stands as above at	Sa. Rs.	1,53,944- 9-14- 0

E. E.

Moorshedabad,
the 28th January 1809.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

No. 3.

Statement Shewing the detail & amount of reduction of the Debts of His Highness the Nabob in the course of the year 1214 B.S. previous to the adjustment thereof made by Government

Amount of Juggut Seets debt with accumulation of Interest in the year 1214 B.S. as P. account Submitted to Government on the 16 May 1808			1,03,948-10-14
Interest further to be added which accrued previous to the payment by Government			4,383- 8- 5
		Rs.	1,08,332- 2-19
Paid off by the Nizamut in 1214 B.S.			15,000- 0- 0
Leaving the Balance due at		Sa. Rs.	93,332- 2-19
Which was paid in full, (conformably to orders) on the 31st August last on funding part of the Nabobs debts			
Amount of Kissoree Sings debts as P. Statement submitted on the 16th May 1808 Principal		Rs.	20,000- 0- 0
Interest further to be added			2,400- 0- 0
		Sa. Rs.	22,400- 0- 0
Paid off by the Nizamut in 1214 B.S.			1,200- 0- 0
Leaving the balance due		Sa. Rs.	21,200- 0- 0
Which was paid in full (conformably to orders) on the 1st of September 1808 on funding part of the Nabob's Debts			
Amount of Nekuddum's Debt as P. Statement submitted on the 16th May 1808	Rs. 20,700		
Paid off by the Nizamut in 1214 B.S.	700		
Leaving the balance due		Sa. Rs.	20,000- 0- 0
Which was paid in full conformably to orders on the 23d of September 1808 on funding part of the Nabobs debts			
Recapitulation of Payments by the Nizamut in the course of the Bengal Year 1214 B.S.			
To Juggut Seet as above Stated	Rs. 15,000		
Add the payment to an equal amount exhibited in Statement of 16th May last being a payment in 1214 B.S.	15,000		30,000- 0- 0
To Kissoree Sing as above			1,200- 0- 0
To Nekuddum do. do.			700- 0- 0
Total payments by the Nizamut in 1214		Sa. Rs.	31,900- 0- 0
Statement of Resources from which the payment were made in 1214 unappropriated Nizamut Fund as P. Statement No. 2 annexed to document E of accompanyments to my letter of the 7th October 1807			27,480- 0- 0
Deduct therefrom as P. explanation given on my letter of the 16th May 1808 Paragraph 8th			18,000- 0- 0
	Balance	Rs.	9,480- 0- 0
Deductions of Rs. 3,500 P. mensem from the Nabobs Privy Purse for the year 1214 B.S. amounts to	Rs. 42,000-0-0		
Deduct the resumption for the Months of Bysack, Jait, Asser, & Sown for which credit is given in Statement No. 1 accompanying my Letter of 7th October 1807 as having been then applied to discharge of debts	14,000-0-0		28,000- 0- 0
Aggregate amount of Resources		Sa. Rs.	37,480- 0- 0
Aggregate of Payments as above stated			31,900- 0- 0
Leaving a Surplus in hand of		Sa. Rs.	5,580- 0- 0

E. E.

Moorshedabad,
the 28th January 1809.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

No. 4.

Statement shewing the amount & Distribution of the whole of the Nizamut Stipend on the Commencement of the Bengal year 1215 or from the 12th of April 1808 on the Scale of the Plan laid down

Privy Purse			
Subject to deduction of Rs. 3,500 P. Mensem or 42,000 Rs. P. annum . . .			1,44,000- 0- 0- 0
Amount of Pensions fixed vizt.			
The Munnee Begum 12,000 P. Month is		1,44,000- 0- 0- 0	
The Bubboo Begum 8,000 do. do. is		96,000- 0- 0- 0	
The Nabob Meer Saidoo 4,000 do. is		48,000- 0- 0- 0	
The Grand-daughters of Salia Begum deceased 1,000/-		12,000- 0- 0- 0	
			3,00,000- 0- 0- 0
Disbursements under the head of Sheristah Nizamut as P. account made up for 1214 B.S. submitted herewith standing at P. Mensem . .		41,741- 3- 0	
Deduct retrenchments by the Committee as finally adopted .	1,697-4-0		
Retrenchment of Khelill Ullah Khans Pension for 9 months at Rs. 375 P. Mensem	375-0-0		
		2,072- 4- 0- 0	
		Rs. 39,668-15- 0- 0	
Add encrease established Vizt.			
To the Nabob's eldest Son	850- 0- 0		
To the Nabobs brothers Meeraubool Hossain, Mohomed Ally & Meer Mehindy at Rs. 500 each is	1,500- 0- 0		
To Mohobut Ally Khan	100- 0- 0		
		2,450- 0- 0- 0	
P. Mensum is . .		42,118-15- 0- 0	
Amounts annually to .			5,05,427- 4- 0- 0
Disbursements under the head of Sheristah Behalah as P. Account made up for 1214 B.S. Submitted herewith standing at P. Mensem		19,616- 4- 0- 0	
Deduct retrenchment by the Committee as finally adopted		347- 4- 0- 0	
		Rs. 19,469- 0- 0- 0	
Add encrease Waledah Begum	1,000- 0- 0		
To the Nabobs youngest son .	300- 0- 0	1,300- 0- 0- 0	
P. Mensem is .		Rs. 20,569- 0- 0- 0	
Amounts annually to			2,46,828- 0- 0- 0
The disbursements under the head of Meersaumanee & Toshakanah as P. account made up for 1214 B.S. Submitted herewith amounting anually to		Sa. Rs. 3,28,149-10-16- 0	
Deduct retrenchment by the Committee as finally adopted .		6,114- 8-19- 2	3,22,035- 1-16- 2
Emarut or fixed allowance of P. annum			18,600- 0- 0- 0
Mohurrum do. do.			18,000- 0- 0- 0
Medicine &ca. stands estimated annually for several years back at			3,469-13- 4- 0
			15,58,360- 3- 0- 2
Surplus or unappropriated Fund as P. Statement No. 14 of Accompanyments to the Committees report Rs. 2,780-15 P. Mo. Amounts annually to .		33,371- 4- 0- 0	
To which must be added the Saving on the allowance & Establishment of the Dewan as P. accounts submitted for 1210 & subsequent years at Rs. 720 P. Mo. or .		8,640- 0- 0- 0	
Total		Sa. Rs. 42,011- 4- 0- 0	
Deduct from this the amount of encreased annual expense being so much as the additional allowances granted & chargeable on the Establishment exceed the aggregate of resumptions & Retrenchments by the Committee as P. particulars which accompany in Statement No. 5 accompanying		371- 7- 0- 2	
Leaving the Surplus fund at present at the sum of			41,639-12-19- 2
			Rs. 16,00,000- 0- 0- 0

E. E.

Moorshedabad,
the 28th January 1809.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

No. 5.

Statement Shewing the amount & detail of allowances in the Nizamut encreased from the commencement of the Bengal Year 1215 agreeably to Orders received under date the 1st February 1808

To the Walidah Begum or Mother of His Highness the Nabob Rs. 1,000 P. Mensem or annually		12,000- 0- 0
To the Nabob Syed Zynutdeen Ally the eldest Son of His Highness the Nabob Rs. 850 P. Mensem or annually		10,200- 0- 0
To the Nabob Ahmed Ally the Second Son of His Highness the Nabob Rs. 300 P. Mensem		3,600- 0- 0
To three younger brothers of His Highness the Nabob at Rs. 500 each Vizt.		
Meer Aubool Hossain	500	
Meer Mahomed Ally	500	
Meer Mehdy	500	
	1,500 p.mo. is	18,000- 0- 0
Additional allowance to Mohobut Ally Khan the brother of the Nabob Serajah Dawlah 100 Rs. P. Month		1,200- 0- 0
Total annual encrease	Sa. Rs.	45,000- 0- 0

Detail of Assets available & applied to the above encrease of Disbursement Vizt.		
Unappropriated Nizamut Fund as recited in Statement No. 3 of the personal dispatch which was applied the last & former years to the reduction of the Nabobs Debts		9,480- 0- 0
Retrenchments made by the Committee & ultimately adopted by Orders of Government Vizt.		
In Sheristah Nizamut	20,367- 0- 0- 0	
In Sheristah Belah	4,167- 0- 0- 0	
In Meersaumanee & Toshak Khanah	6,114- 8-19- 2	
		30,648- 8-19- 2
Vide Statement of available Assets annexed to the Minute of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General of the 28th January 1808 to which add the reduction of the Stipend of the Nabob Khulleeloollah Khan for nine months of 1215 B.S. at Rs. 500 P. Month		4,500- 0- 0- 0
Difference between the expense & the Assets		327- 7- 0- 0
	Sa. Rs.	45,000- 0- 0- 0

N.B.—The small difference in the year 1215 will be made good by the annual Saving in the allowance for Medicine; at present in making out the Estimate for the year it stands as a deduction upon the unappropriated or contingent Fund of Rs. 42,011-4 besides which Rs. 1,500 will be added after 1215 to the aggregate of Assets available because the saving for 1216 and following years on the Pension of Khulleel Ullah Khan will be Rs. 6,000 P. annum.

E. E.

Moorshedabad,
the 28th January 1809.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit under cover herewith a Letter received yesterday from the Munnee Begum to the address of the Right Honorable the Governor General announcing the appointment of Roy Hurry Sing to the Situation of her private & personal Dewan vacant by the demise of Roy Poorun Chund.

2. The benevolent Considerations which induce Her Highness to continue the office in the family of the deceased Roy Manick Chund are very laudable and I sincerely wish Hurry Sing may by Capacity & Zeal prove himself deserving of the distinguished favor shewn him Her Highness stiles him (Braderzadah) or nephew of Roy Manick Chund. He is I am informed the son of a first cousin of the deceased Roy and was employed under him as a Mohrir, but during the life time of Manick Chund neither was presented at the Durbar nor introduced at the house of any English Gentleman ; of his general character report speaks favourably.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 30th January 1809.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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D. Campbell Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to send you herewith three Thousand, five hundred (Sa. Rs. 3,500) being so much received from His Highness the Nabab in liquidation of money advanced for him by Government. I request to be favored with your receipt as usual in Duplicate. —I am etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 6th February 1809.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nizt. Affrs.

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward under cover herewith an Arzee from Lalla Bolonaut Roy the Naib Dewan of the Nizamut to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General together with a Letter to your address. The Nuzzur of two Goldmohurs offered by the Naib Dewan & referred to in his Arzee for the purpose of being forwarded to

His Lordship was at once returned to him conformably to the Instructions of the 20th May 1803.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 11th February 1809.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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Sir C. R. Blunt Bart.,
Magistrate of Zillah Beerbhoom.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 6th Instant enclosing Extract of Proceedings holden by you of which I immediate transmitted a Copy to the Nabob. I enclose Copy of His Highnesses answer & as soon as Sohun Loll shall be discharged from his attendance on the Supreme Court I shall remind the Nabob that he must be sent to Beerbhoom without delay.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 17th February 1809.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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Captain J. Canning,
Commanding the Provincial Battalion,
Moorshedabad.

Sir,—On the 10th of March last I received thro' the Secretary to Government the Commands of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General to take certain steps for the accommodation of Budderut Nessah Begum sister to His Highness the Nabob of Bengal and wife of the Nabob Shumsud Dowlah to facilitate her Journey to Dacca where she purposes with her son joining her Husband, and I am especially instructed to apply for a Guard for the protection of the Begum & her Party. The Nabob Shumsud Dowlah writes to request that the Guard may consist of a Native Officer and thirty Men, the Party will be large and numerous boats in attendance but the Strength of the Guard must I conceive be left to your Discretion and you will probably be governed by the means & ability you possess from the number you may have in the Lines—The Begum informs me that she means to leave the City and embark at Bogwangolah on Friday the 10th Proximo or 22d of the month Mohurrum.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 21st February 1809.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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Major General Palmer,
Commanding the Station at Berhampore.

Sir,—On the 10th of March last I received thro' the Secretary to Government the Commands of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General to take certain Steps for the accommodation of Budderut Nessah Begum sister to His Highness the Nabob of Bengal & wife of the Nabob Shumsud Dowlah to facilitate her Journey with her Son to Dacca where she purposes joining her Husband, & I am especially instructed to apply for a "Guard for the protection of the Begum & her Party."

2. On receiving intimation from Budderut Nessa Begum that she wished to leave the City on Friday the 10th proximo or the 22d of Mohurrum I wrote to Capt. Canning requesting he would furnish from his corps the Guard I have been directed to apply for Capt. Canning tells me in Answer that a deficiency of Men in the lines puts it wholly out of his power to furnish the Guard. I am therefore obliged to trouble you on the Occasion with enquiry whether you can Supply a Party for the purpose.

3. The Nabob Shumsud Dowlah writes to request that the Guard may consist of a Native Officer & thirty men, the Party will be large & numerous boats in attendance but the Strength of the Guard must assuredly be left to your Discretion & be governed by the means you may possess of affording Assistance on the Occasion.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 22d February 1809.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Departt.,
Fort William.

Sir,—Syed Nudjeef Ally who was contracted for effecting certain Repairs & buildings in the Kellah has applied to me requesting I will issue the Second advance on account of the work, being thirty thousand Rupees, & as such appears to be due according to the tenor of his engagement I have to request orders may be transmitted authorizing the Collector to pay that sum upon my receipts.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 27th February 1809.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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Major George Fleming,
Berhampore.

Sir,—I had not until this day (on account of the Mohurrum and Hooly Holidays) an opportunity of seeing the Nabob, and conversing with him on the Subject referred to me, in your Letter of the 21st Ultimo.

I have now the pleasure to inform you that I have satisfied His Highness that it is not eligible to propose, or expedient to adopt any alteration in the Plan of the Portico constructing and to be annexed to the Wing of the Palace ; His Highness means that the Work should be continued on the Scale first proposed, and is, as well as myself, extremely anxious that it should be completed in that way with all practicable dispatch as more than four months have already elapsed since Government sanctioned this small but necessary addition to the main building.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 5th March 1809.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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David Campbell Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Having been informed by the Chief Secretary to Government that you have been directed to pay me the sum of thirty thousand Sicca Rupees I enclose my receipts in duplicate for the amount which I request may be delivered to the bearer hereof Takoordas Soor my Naib Cazanchy.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 8th March 1809. — T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

Received from D. Campbell Esqr., Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad the sum of Sicca Rupees thirty thousand (Sa. Rs. 30,000) ordered by Government to be supplied for the purpose of carrying on certain buildings & repairs in the Kellah & its dependencies for which I have this day given my receipt in duplicate.

Moorshedabad, the 8th March 1809. — T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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D. Campbell Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to Send you herewith three thousand five hundred Sicca Rupees (Sa. Rs. 3,500) being so much received from His Highness the Nabob in liquidation of money advanced for him by Government I request to be favored with your receipt as usual in duplicate.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, March 1809. — T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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Shearman Bird Esqr.,
Senior Judge &ca. &ca., Dacca.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th Ultimo enclosing an address from the Nabob Shumsuddowlah, to which I send an answer under cover herewith requesting you will take the trouble to cause it to be sent to the Nabob aforesaid ; I am gratified in the opportunity of assuring you that I am with great consideration.—Your etc.

Beerbhoom, the 11th March 1809. — T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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N. Sturt Esqr.,
Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have been favoured with your letter of the 29th Ultimo and to enable me to communicate fully and explicitly with His Highness the Nabob on the Subject of your application I have to request you will send me either the original or an attested Copy of the petition presented to your Court by Mirza Buksh Ally.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 4th April 1809. — T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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D. Campbell Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to send you herewith three Thousand five hundred Sicca Rupees (Sa. Rs. 3,500) being so much received from His Highness the Nabob in liquidation of money advanced for him by Government I request to be favored with your receipt as usual in duplicate.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 5th April 1809. — T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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T. L. N. Sturt Esqr.,
Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have received your Letters of the 4th & 10th Instant I have this day repeated the application which I made on the 6th (on receiving Copy of (illegible) petition) to the Nabob desiring His Highness would order the Sentry to be withdrawn who obstructed your Officers in the execution of their duty, & I am assured it will be done immediately if it has not taken place already in consequence of Orders previously issued.

All the subsequent detail of operations you mention is wholly within yours & not in my department, the matter as stated appears to present itself to a Court of Justice in a questionable Shape but all opposition being withdrawn on the part of the Durbar you will act as the Case may require.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 11th April 1809. — T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 11th February with its enclosures which were immediately delivered to His Highness the Nabob who on the 15th Ultimo wrote me a Letter expressive of his grateful Sense of the indulgent & considerate attention of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General & desired I would make known his Sentiments in terms the most respectful & appropriate I was on my Circuit when I received his Letter & since my return from Beerbhoom until this day the Circumstance escaped my recollection.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 20th April 1809. — T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit herewith for the purpose of their being Submitted to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General Copies of Letters from His Highness the Nabob reporting the demise of the Nabob Mohabat Ally Khan brother of the late Nabob Seraujeut Dowlah and of Deelshaud Begum Daughter of the late Nabob Golaum Hossain Khan.

2. The Nabob Mohabut Ally Khan received a Pension of Rs. 180 p. month from the Nizamut Department included in the allowances to the Akrabah declared hereditary by the Resolutions of Government of the 3d of September 1790 and on the 28th of January 1808 the Right Hon'ble the Governor General was pleased to authorize an addition to his Stipend of Rs. 100 p. mensem which took effect from the 12th of April 1808. His Highness the Nabob now recommends that the allowance as it now Stands of Rs. 280 p. mensem shall be continued in the name of Mirza Mahomed Askarry the Second Son of the deceased. Mohabut Ally has left three Sons, & four daughters, who have also Progeny, consequently the Stipend to be granted, tho' issuing in the name of Askarry, is meant for the general Support of the family in its various branches. Mohabut Ally has left two Widows & five Concubines.

3. Under the head of Akrabah or hereditary Pensioners in the Sheristah Behlah ; I find Rs. 123 standing as the allowance to Deelshaud Bhegum &ca. Daughters of Golaum Hossain Khan deceased who are Stated to be three in number ; His Highness recommends that Deelshaud Bhegum's Share of this Pension shall be settled upon her only surviving daughter & Representative Kurmunessa Bhegum, & I do not understand there is any other claimant or lineal Descendant from Deelshaud.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 24th April 1809.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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Shearman Bird Esqr.,
Senior Judge of Appeal & Circuit, Dacca.

Sir,—I have the honor to send under Cover herewith a Letter from His Highness the Nabob to the Nabob Shumsudoodawlah which I request you will cause to be delivered.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 24th April 1809.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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Major William Franklin,
Regulating Officer at Bhaugulpore.

Sir,—I have received your Letter of the 11th Instant with its Enclosures & have in consequence made the necessary application to His Highness the Nabob & am assured that positive orders have been issued to withdraw all persons who in the name of the Nizamut are interfering or endeavoring to take Possession of any Land appertaining to Tannah Mungulpore.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 24th April 1809.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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H. Wood Esqr.,
Acting Civil Auditor, Fort William.

Sir,—In compliance with the requisition contained in your Letter of the 25th Ultimo I transmit you herewith a Statement of the Establishment of my Office drawn out according to the Form prescribed.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 1st May 1809.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

Enclosure

Complete Establishment under the Superintendent of Nizamut Affairs as it Stood on the 1st May 1809

Date of authority	Designations of Officers	Names of such as Receive 10 Rs. P. month & upwards	Salary attached to each Office			
Letter from the Secretary to Government dated Camp 82 miles S. E. of Lucnow March 2d 1802	One Persian Moonshee	Sujah aut deen	P. Mensem	Rs.	50-	
	One Persian Mohrir	Delill Ullah	Do.		30-	
	One English Writer	Durney Dhur	Do.		40-	
	One Duptery		Do.		6-	
	One Nazir	Chaumun Khan	Do.		12-	
	Two Chubdars		Do. each	6/8	13-	
	Two Soontaberdars		Do. each	6/-	12-	
	Eight Hircarrahs		Do. each	5/-	40-	Rs. 203
	Allowance Monthly for Paper Pens Ink &ca. Country Stationery ..					10
	Total amount of Establishment monthly					Sa. Rs. 213

Moorshedabad,
Nizamut Department,
the 1st May 1809.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I transmit herewith in compliance with the desire expressed by Major Fleming Copy of a Letter addressed to me by that Officer on the 29th Ultimo together with the Bill & Extract of orders which accompanied his Letter.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 1st May 1809.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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A. Seton Esqr.,
Commercial Resident at Maldah.

Sir,—His Highness the Nabob Mobaruckut Dowlah having deputed his Darogah Mirza Bakker Ally as Annually customary to Procure Mangoes at Malda has desired me to furnish the Darogah with this Letter & to request your attention to any application he may eventually find it necessary to prefer to you.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 4th May 1809.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

The same to the Magistrates of Purneah & Dinagepore.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Syed Nudjeef Ally & Punchanund Chowdry who have contracted for effecting certain Repairs & Buildings in the Kellah having applied to me some days ago to obtain for them the Issue of a further advance on account of the Work. I have been this day (by Sanction of their Highnesses the Nabob & Bhegum) accompanied by Major Fleming to make a particular Survey & examination of the present State & Progress of the Buildings in hand, & find them generally & respectively in that State of forwardness to Sanction to Nudjeef Ally a further Advance of the third Instalment being twenty thousand Sicca Rupees, and to Punchanund a Second advance on account his Contract or twelve thousand Sicca Rupees & have therefore to request that orders may be transmitted authorizing the Collector to pay thirty two Thousand Rupees upon my receipts.

The Work that has been done to this time appears to be extremely well executed & the materials used are all of the best quality in which Sentiment Major Fleming appears fully to accord & from the exertions hitherto made I have every reason to expect the whole will be completed within the Stipulated time &, in a very satisfactory Manner.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 8th May 1809.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

[356]

D. Campbell Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to send you herewith three thousand five hundred Sicca Rupees (Sa. Rs. 3,500) being so much received from His Highness the Nabob in liquidation of money advanced for him by Government I request to be favored with your receipt as usual in duplicate.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 9th May 1809.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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T. L. N. Sturt Esqr.,
Judge of the Dewanny Adawlut of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I send for your Information Copy of my Letter to the Nabob written on the receipt of your letter of the 13th Ultimo & also Copy of His Highnesses Answer to me received yesterday afternoon.

As I mean to submit for the Consideration of Government the Suggestion of His Highness the Nabob as to the mode which he considers best adopted for the liquidation of Claims which may be established against his brothers by descent or by Marriage I would recommend that until the pleasure of Government shall be made known upon such reference matters may remain as they are, & that execution should not be pressed upon decrees which may have passed.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 9th May 1809.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—In continuation of my Letter of the 24th Ultimo I have now the honor to state for the Information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General that having observed that the Recommendation of His Highness the Nabob touching the appropriation of the Pension of the Nabob Mahebut Ally Khan deceased was in favor of Mirza Mahomed Askarry the second son, I deemed it necessary and conformably to the spirit of Instructions applicable to the occasion to ascertain why the eldest son was passed by in this Recommendation, & in consequence of my enquiry Mirza Mahomed Tucky the elder son of the deceased attended me on Sunday last and stated to me that on account of advanced years & Infirmity it was highly agreeable to him that the care of the general Interest of the family the receiving & dividing the Stipend and other matters of domestic detail should devolve to and be managed by his brother Mirza Mahomed Askarry and in confirmation of such his desire & in Proof that it met the general Inclination of the other Surviving branches of the family he referred to a Darkust delivered to His Highness the Nabob attested by his seal and that of his brother and his four sisters

a Counterpart of which delivered to me by Mirza Askarry and admitted by Mirza Mohomed Tuckee I have the honour to transmit under cover of this address. —I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 9th May 1809.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Many Representations have been made to me from time to time by persons with whom the Brothers of His Highness the Nabob and those connected with him by Marriage with his sisters had contracted Debts ; in some cases the applications were to Solicit my Interposition in the first Instance, in others to afford Assistance to effect the recovery of sums due under Judgements of the Courts and to this effect Representations to the Nabob have [torn: thro'?] me been occasionally addressed by the City Judge During the administration of the late Roy Manick Chund applications from me to their Highnesses the Nabob, the Munnee and Bubboo. Bhegum were generally attended to, but since the demise of that valuable officer they have ceased to have the desired effect I have the honor to submit herewith Copy of a Letter I wrote His Highness on the 14th of April together with Copy of his answer received on the 6th Instant and I have to request you will submit these to the Consideration of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General and Obtain for me Information whether the Nabobs Suggestion of sequestering one half of the allowances of such of the Parties as have Contracted considerable Debts and refuse to accede to any terms of Accommodation with their creditors is by His Lordship deemed eligible and appropriate and if it should in what manner it is to be carried into effect whether by attachment of the allowances before they are paid from the Collectors Treasury or by Sequestration after they shall been issued with the general Mass of Nizamut Stipend From conferences held with the Nabob and the Bhegums I am sensible they would feel great distress and Mortification at the indiscriminate application to the branches of the family of the rules which obtain in the Courts of Justice on ordinary Occasions especially to the Nabobs brothers and to those who married his sisters.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 10th May 1809.

Thomas Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—In addition to my letters of the 24th Ultimo & 9th Instant I have the honor to forward you Copy of a Letter from Her Highness the Munnee Begum who is extremely solicitous that early provision should be made for Kerimunessa Begum & others of the family of the deceased Deelshaud Begum & pressed the Subject very earnestly upon my Notice when I lately paid my personal respects at the Kellah.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 16th May 1809.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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D. Campbell Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Having been informed by the Chief Secretary to Government that you have been directed to pay to me Sum of Thirty two Thousand Sicca Rupees I enclose my receipts in duplicate for the amount which I request may be delivered to the bearer hereof Takoordoss Soor my Naib Cazanchy.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 17th May 1809.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

Received from D. Campbell Esqr. Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad the Sum of Sicca Rupees thirty two thousand (Sa. Rs. 32,000) ordered by Government to be Supplied for the purpose of carrying on certain buildings & repairs in the Kellah & its dependencies for which I have this day given my receipt in duplicate.

Moorshedabad, the 17th May 1809.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th March conveying to me the Sentiments of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council on the Subject of my reference touching the Complaint of Syed Toraub Ally the Husband of Reezeeuttoos Sooltaun Begum in consequence of his being deprived of the largest Portion of the Stipend assigned to his Wife.

2. It is with me matter of very great regret that my Conduct in mediating first between the Petitioner & Her Highness should have been thought too pressing & Deficient in point of Conciliation, & that any Embarrassment should arise from my having submitted the points at issue to the notice of Government & having signified to the Begum my having had recourse on (illegible) to such expedient.

3. I crave permission respectfuly to submit thro' you to the consideration of His Lordship in Council that long antecedent to my application by Letter to Her Highness of date the 6th April 1808, I had again & again attempted a mediation on every conciliatory & restrained form by personal application to Her Highness, & by *successive* representations thro' the medium of her late ministerial officer Roy Monick Chund, in the course of the year 1807 ; & more than once, but especially when I was on the eve of setting out for Calcutta in October 1807 I pressed the subject (at the earnest Instance of Syed Toraub Ally) on the notice of Roy Monick

Chund & hinted that if some redress was not afforded, & the matter continued to be forced by reiterated applications on my attention I should be compelled to Solicit of Her Highness explanation on the Subject which might ultimately lead to a reference to Government which I was very desirous to avoid for obvious reasons. Roy Monick Chund expressed himself very sensible of the justice of the Claim & gave me decided assurances that he should find an auspicious moment for stating the matter to Her Highness with such explanations as would induce her to afford at least partial if not complete relief, & therefore he desired I would take no Steps in the matter until my return from Calcutta. After his death his Successor the late Roy Poorun Chund seemed unwilling to agitate the question & I was fully satisfied he had not that Influence with Her Highness to induce a hope that any opinion from him would claim attention, which is the case with the present Dewan Roy Hurry Sing, who (except when I visit Her Highness personally) is the only medium of Communication I have with the Durbar & it is but too evident its concils are now directed by advisors behind the Curtain. In this State of things pressed incessantly by Toraubally, & impelled by the specific injunction in the close of the 2d Paragraph of my Instructions of the 24th December 1801 which says it is "my duty to superintend the Payment of the Stipends & to see that they are regularly & properly disbursed to the *several Persons* to whom they are *payable*" I thought I could no longer defer directly interfering (after many months fruitless attempts of indirect mediation) in behalf of the Petitioner & his Wife Reezeeuttoos Sooltaun Begum who made it appear that they only received Rs. 350 monthly of seven hundred & fifty which by the Record of the Establishment appears exclusively payable to the Begum aforesaid, & being unable after several personal applications & much Correspondence to adjust the dispute I considered it my duty to submit the matter to Government conformably to the tenor of the 4th Paragraph of my Instructions of date above quoted, & had I made the representation without at the time avowing it to Her Highness, it would have been stated to her by evil disposed Persons who have but too much Influence with her that my Conduct was insidious & disrespectful Under this explanation I trust the Line I adopted may be deemed less objectionable that it appears to have been considered.

4. I have now to add that having waited upon Her Highness the Munnee Begum I communicated to her in terms the most guarded & conciliatory the Substance of the Sentiments & wishes expressed by the Right Hon'ble the Governor General as stated in the concluding Paragraph of your Commands of the 20th March & the only observation made thereon by Her Highness was that she would never consent to allow Toraub Ally any more than Rs. 350 P. month for his support & that of his wife & that she would not enable him to receive the Stipend by putting him in Possession of his Wife's Seal.

5. I have made known to Toraubally generally the Instructions I had received on the reference made & the Sentiments expressed by His Highness in consequence of my Communication at the Durbar & I have since avoided receiving any further written Representations from him or giving any direct answer to his application for Sanction to his proceeding to Calcutta the view of representing his Case thro' you to His Lordship. I could wish to be informed if it is expected that I should indiscriminately avoid receiving or transmitting any additional representations he may tender & decline all further Interference on the Subject of distribution of the Stipend of Reezeeuttoos Sooltaun his Wife. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 20th May 1809.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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D. Campbell Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to send you herewith Three thousand five hundred Sicca Rupees (Sa. Rs. 3,500) being so much received from His Highness the Nabob in liquidation of money advanced for him by Government I request to be favored with your receipt as usual in Duplicate.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 6th June 1809.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I had the honor to receive on the 27th Ultimo your Letter of the 20th of that month and lost no time in communicating with His Highness the Nabob in the spirit of the Commands of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council.

2. I have now the pleasure to enclose Copy & Translation of the Answer I have just received from His Highness by which it will appear that the mode of prosecuting his Claims to Rumnah Lands (of which he has been dispossessed) by a regular Complaint and judicial enquiry is not acceptable or Consonant to his wishes, on grounds stated by His Highness in detail in a Letter of the 13th January which I had the honor to transmit to the Persian Department with my address of the 14th of that month to which I now respectfully crave reference.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 7th June 1809.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

Enclosure

Letter from His Highness the Nabob dated the 5th June 1809.

I have received your Letter of the 31st May Stating that the Gentlemen of the Sudder Dewanny Adawlut from motives of respect and Consideration waving the necessity of my appearing as Plaintiff to prosecute Claims for Rumnah Lands, have proposed to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council that a

Darogah or Superintendent of Rumnah Lands duly authorized should sue on my behalf, & prosecute my Claims in the several Courts, & that you have been desired to make me acquainted with this arrangement & to ascertain how far it is acceptable to me, that if it should by me be considered eligible that my Darogahs should institute suits, Communication of my acquiescence would be made to the several Courts in which the Claims are to be preferred, or that I should State my Sentiments on the proposition that you may submit them to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General.

In my letter of the 25th of Zel-quada 1223 Hedjeree (or 13th January 1809) I stated in particular detail that I had material Objection to prosecuting my claims to Rumnahs in the Courts of Justice. The Gentlemen of the Sudder Dewanny Adawlut now propose that I should prosecute thro' the medium of my Darogahs. If it not their Property that they should sue for it therefore a Suit by them becomes in fact an action of my own. Formerly the Board of Revenue conformably to the Instructions of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General directed the Collectors of Moorshedabad, Nuddea & Jessore to appoint Aumeens ; the Collector of Nuddea sent an Aumeen accordingly to the Rumnah Lands, and he having prepared a report of the Rumnahs of Hurspahye & Cullooah after a full examination of evidence it was Submitted to the Board of Revenue & I indulged the hope from His Lordships equity that this Report would be examined & considered by that Board now it is suggested to institute Suits in the Court thro' the medium of a Darogah if this had been deemed an eligible mode why was the expense incurred of appointing Officers to attend the Aumeen & why did the Gentlemen take the trouble to depute an Aumeen, still I flatter myself that the Reports made on the Rumnahs of Hurspahye & Cullooah which the Aumeen delivered to the Collector of Nuddeah may be investigated & the particulars of the Sales by auction which are amongst the Records of the Board may be inspected. If on a comparison of these Documents my rights appear clearly established I trust Possession may be granted accordingly, & that an upright & intelligent Aumeen may be appointed & deputed to ascertain the Claims to other Rumnahs & that if my right shall be established thereto by full & sufficient evidence Possession of these also may be granted, otherwise whatever the Right Hon'ble the Governor General shall determine must be confirmed to.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit herewith Copy of a Letter received from the Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad, & as I do not find upon my records any case or Precedent exactly in point I have to request that I may be informed of the Sentiments of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General as applicable to the enquiry made by Mr. Campbell.

2. On the 19th of June 1806 I made a reference thro' the Secretary to Government in the Persian Department on a matter in some sort analogous & on the 24th July 1806, I was informed in answer that the Governor General did not consider a Pension granted to be liable for the Debts of the deceased Incumbent, the present Claim it is true is against the Party actually enjoying the Pension still I should apprehend it can hardly be said that what is the free & spontaneous Gift of Government becomes the Property of the Grantee until it actually comes into his Possession, & in such case it is not liable to arrest or attachment in transitu. With respect to the Nabob Dil Jaun I apprehend he has other property amply sufficient to answer the Judgement of the City Court or in default the arrest of his Person would induce him to account regularly for the Pension or for such fortune of it as he could well spare to an urgent Creditor still the present reference may be useful to obtain Orders for general Guidance on similar Occasions.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 14th June 1809.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—On the 9th of February I addressed a Letter to His Highness the Nabob, communicating to him as directed by your commands of date the 23d received on the 30th January the Substance of the Report submitted to Government on the 15th of November last by the Board of Revenue on the subject of the Jaghire Nawarah Lands, & of His Highnesses Claim for the Current Revenue and accumulated arrears.

2. I take the liberty to enclose herewith Copy of my Letter to the Nabob which I trust will be found to embrace the full Scope of the Communication I was directed to make.

3. I have also the honor to submit herewith Copy of a Letter from the Nabob of date the 21 Ultimo together with Sundry original Documents which accompanied it which I trust may be found to convey the Information required by the Board of Revenue in the 4th Paragraph of their letter of the 15th November but entertaining some doubts whether the Papers furnished are so complete as may be expected & finding from the tenor of His Highnesses Letter that the Lands were in the year 1203 in the undisturbed Possession of his Omlah, but were at that Period attached by Orders from the Board by Mr. LeGros Collector of Mymensing & by the Collector of Tippearh I have desired His Highness will direct his Officers to furnish if practicable the Accounts for the Bengal years 1201 & 1202 which if I obtain shall be submitted hereafter, in the meantime if the Collector of Mymensing has given the Board the account they called for as mentioned in the 2d Paragraph of their Letter of the 15th of November I respectfully submit that it were desirable such should be sent to me for the Information of His Highness the Nabob & here it occurs to me to observe that the Board have not to this time forwarded to me any accounts furnished by the Collector of Mymensing which on the 7th Paragraph of their Letter of date above quoted they

profess it to have been their Intention to send for the purpose of facilitating a final adjustment.

4. I send a List of the Papers now transmitted copied from the Persian List received from the Nabob's Officers & I entreat of you to receive my excuse for not accompanying this dispatch with the usual English Translations in consequence of my having at this time so much business in the various departments under my Superintendence without any Assistance in any one branch that I have not a moments leisure in the day, still if it is thought indispensable they may be returned & Translations shall be translated with all practicable expedition.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 15th June 1809.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

List of Papers received with Letter from His Highness the Nabob of date the 21st May & forwarded to the Secretary to Government with a Letter of date 15th June.

No. 1. Jumma Wassil Bakkee of the Jagheerdars in Mymenshing for 1212, 1213, 1214 & 1215 B.S.
2. Abstract Jummahbundy for 1213 B.S.
3. Particulars of Jummahbundy of Newarrah Lands in Zillah Mymensing appertaining to Nussurut Jung.
4. Abstract of Jummah of do. appertaining to the Nabob Mobarekoo Dawlah.
5. Copy of Papers from the Collector's Office of Chucklah Jehangeenagur for 1179—4 firds—for 1184 12 firds.

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department.
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a Letter from His Highness the Nabob to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in terms of general recommendation of Rajah Soonder Sing, with reference to a former Letter addressed to Government on the same subject which I understand to have been transmitted thro' the medium of His Highnesses Vakeel Comaulutdeen Hossain Khan. It was my wish on the present Occasion to avoid troubling His Lordship with any Representation of the nature of the present from the Nabob, but as His Highness notwithstanding my arguments persisted in desiring his letter might be forwarded I could not avoid complying.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 17th June 1809.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Secretary of Government in the Persian Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I had on the 9th Instant the honor to receive your Letter of the 31st Ultimo enclosing Copy & Translation of a Memorial delivered on behalf of Mirza Aubool Hossain & requiring me to report thereon for the Information of Government.

2. I must respectfully observe that the most material points in his Statement appear to be already fully answered by my various public dispatches & by the Orders of Government which I have progressively received in consequence from the beginning of May to the end of October last.

3. The Reduction of the Stipend of the Nabob Khulleel Oolah Khan & the arrangements connected therewith induced a full & particular enquiry into the general Conduct of Mirza Aubool Hossain on a consideration of which the Right Honorable the Governor General was pleased to determine that Meer Aubool Hossain should be entirely excluded from the Charge of the Nabob Khulleel Oolah Khan's family & that no part of the stipend should in future be paid to him, as he had evidently abused his trust by embezzling a considerable portion of the money which had been paid into his hands as the Agent of the Nabob aforesaid—Orders in the Spirit of this determination were conveyed to me by a Letter from the Chief Secretary of date the 12th September last Paragraph 4 & in the 7th Paragraph of the same letter I was ordered to address a letter to Khulleel Oolah Khaun apprizing him of the arrangement which had been adopted.

4. This Letter of the tenor of which the Mirza now complains was transmitted by me to the Chief Secretary to Government on the 17th of October last together with one from His Highness the Nabob to his Relation in Persia, & I accompanied my dispatch to Mr. Edmonstone with Copies of both Letters fully aware that if there was any exceptionable Passage in either it would be returned to me for Correction. I now enclose a Copy of my Letter to Khullell Oolah Khaun & I have trust it will not appear that I have used therein, when speaking of Aubool Hossain, any expressions stronger than the Sentiments of Government regarding his conduct fully warranted. I enclose also for your Information Copy of a Letter which Meer Aubool Hossain wrote me of which I submitted a copy & Translation to Government on the 25th of October & on the 31st of the same month Mr. Edmonstone was pleased to inform me that "the Stile & Substance of the Mirza's Letters were equally improper & disrespectful" and in the same Letter the Chief Secretary adds that "the Payment of wages due to Servants is a question between them and Aubool Hossain, in which Government is not called on to interfere, it being the duty of Aubool Hossain to reduce the Establishment which has heretofore been maintained, paying the arrears due & as he possesses the means of doing so his neglecting it is without excuse."

5. I am sorry to observe that altho' this has been repeatedly intimated to Aubool Hossain he has not discharged any of the Servants or paid any part of the arrears due for wages & that at this moment they are in my house loudly complaining of their Situation, as the Mirza will not take Charge of the effects under their care nor authorize any one to do it consequently they cannot liberate themselves, altho' they are distressed for means of Subsistence.

6. Mirza Aubool Hossain states in his Arzee that he had delivered up to me certain Papers an Account

the first Statement I received from him after reiterated Application is that of which Copy & Translation accompanied my dispatch to Government of the 2d September last to which Letter I particularly request your attention as it tends to shew the Mirza's disinclination to render any distinct account of his receipts & disbursements or of his general Conduct as Agent for the Nabob Khulleel Oolah Khaun altho' in his memorial he pretends to have readily furnished all the Accounts asked of him Copy of the Statement which accompanied my address of the 2d September is now enclosed for your Information also Copies of four Statements which about the end of October he sent by one of his Servants these you will observe on inspection are extremely loose & almost unintelligible & by no means in accordance with each other & are moreover unattested. I transmit Statement No. 1 & the two Letters enclosed for your greater facility of reference, but the general detail of Circumstances which led to the reduction of the Stipend of the Nabob Khulleel Oolah Khaun & the consequent Arrangements which were adopted inducing the entire resumption of the allowance which had been drawn by Aubool Hossain & other particulars connected with his general conduct previous to & whilst the Arrangements were under consideration will be found in my several dispatches & in the Orders of Government which I received in answer thereto & as it would be very troublesome to make Extracts of all these in the full detail of explanation required I take the Liberty to subjoin the dates of the several Letters & to request you will condescend to refer thereto vizt.

My dispatch of the 9th May 1808.
Mr. Edmonstone's letter in answer of 16th May.
My dispatch of the 14th June 1808.
Mr. Edmonstone's letter of the 25th July 1808 accompanied by Report of a verbal Communication by Mahomed Sauduck to the Persian Secretary.
My dispatch of the 30th of August 1808.
Do. do. of the 2d of September with enclosures.
Letter from the Chief Secretary of the 12th September.
My dispatch of the 12th October 1808.
Do. do. of the 17th October with enclosures.
Letter from the Chief Secretary of the 17th October.
My dispatch of the 25th of October with enclosures.
Letter from the Chief Secretary of the 31st October.

7. I trust that a reference to these Documents together with the further explanation given in this address will be found to contain a full & satisfactory report on the material points contained in the Arzee from Mirza Aubool Hossain & being called upon for an opinion on the merits of his Statement I must add that I do not see any ground to induce from me a recommendation of any alteration in the arrangements which have been adopted & enjoined touching the Appropriation of the Stipend & resources of the Nabob Khulleel Oolah Khaun. If the Nabob should return from Persia to reside at this place it might afford Ground for a reconsideration of the Orders given regarding his Stipend from the Nizamut but I think there is little reason to expect such Occurrence.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 18th June 1809.

T. Pattle,
S. N. A.

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N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—In Paragraph 3d of my dispatch of the 11th August 1808 I had occasion to speak of the State of the Embankments immediately fronting & contiguous to the Kellah with reference of consideration to the Palace & other buildings erecting there, Your Commands in answer thereto of date the 15th August Paragraph 2 induced me to make Application to the Superintendent of Embankments in the Spirit of those Orders, & I have now the honor to Submit for the Information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council Copies of my Letter to Mr. Ritso of the 20th September of his answer of the 26th of that month & of a Letter he wrote me on the 1st Instant after I had conjunctly with him carefully Surveyed the Premises & inspected the present Condition of the Embankment.

Notwithstanding what Mr. Ritso says (of whose professional Judgement & experience I have the highest Opinion) I have some doubt of the absolute necessity of incurring any material expense for sustaining a Bank which left alone has, for such a term of years, so well supported itself & at all events I would not recommend any attempt to meddle with the Form of the Bank (as it now stands) by giving it any Slope or attempting any Improvement in its Shape on appearance. If Government are pleased to adopt Mr. Ritso's expedient of throwing in annually from five to Ten Lacks of bricks of large dimension it is highly desirable on the Principle by him laid down that we Should commence making them immediately after the Rains subside.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 20 June 1809.

T. Pattle,
Supt. Nizt. Affrs.

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt on the 30th of your Letter of the 18th Ultimo with its enclosures.

2. Roy Hurry Sing having with the concurrence of Her Highness the Begum fixed this day as one of most auspicious Omen for receiving the honor proposed to be conferred on him, has been invested with a Khelaut as directed in the name of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General. Mr. Addison was so obliging as to assist at the Ceremony which was attended by the Nabobs Meer Mogul & Bussaulut Jung, Juggut Seet & his Son, the Son of Seet Obychurn & many other Natives of Rank & a numerous Assemblage constituting a respectable Durbar adapted to the Occasion.

3. When the Ceremony of Investiture was over Roy Hurry Sing, went in the Dress he had just received to pay his Homage to the Nabob accompanied by a considerable part of the Personages assembled, & attended by my principal Moonshee who informs me His Highness received the Roy in a most gracious &

flattering manners accepting his Nuzzeer & expressing himself much pleased with the selection Her Highness had made & gratified by the distinguishing Marks of favor which has been conferred by Government on the Occasion.

I annex a Memorandum of the Cost of the Khellaut & request to be favored with an Order on the Collector for the amount (Sa. Rs. 2,055) two thousand & fifty five Rupees.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 21st June 1809.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

Memorandum of the Cost of a Khelaut &ca. Conferred by Command of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General upon Roy Hurry Sing on his appointment of Dewan to Her Highness the Munnee Begum.

1 Khelaut of 6 Cloths Costing	Rs. 425
1 Jiggah Surpeach & Culgee	430
1 String of Pearls . .	1,200
	Sa. Rs. 2,055

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T. L. N. Sturt Esqr.,
Judge of the Dewanny Adawlut of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I had the pleasure to write you on the 9th Ultimo when I sent you copies of some Correspondence with His Highness the Nabob in consequence of your application to me of the 13th April last. I then informed you I should submit a reference to Government on the Subject of the Proposition made by the Nabob for the progressive discharge of Sums due under Judgement of the Courts of Justice from those Members of His Highness's family whom from motives of delicacy & respect towards His Highness it is advisable to exempt (as far as may be practicable) from the operation of the Rules which obtain in these Courts.

2. The Right Hon'ble the Governor General is pleased to approve the mode suggested by His Highness the Nabob & to authorize me by a letter of date the 10th Instant from the Persian Department to take measures to ascertain the amount of debts due from each Individual of the Nabobs family to make Some arrangement with Creditors for the gradual liquidation of their respective Claims & ultimately after these preparatory Steps to propose to His Highness to retain half their allowances as they are issued monthly from the Collectors treasury for the purpose of discharging their ascertained Debts.

I have thought it necessary to make this Communication to enable you to refer to me any applications that may be made by Parties claiming under Judgements already given against the Nabobs brothers or by those who may wish to institute Suits.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 22d June 1809.

T. Pattle, *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I enclose you the receipts of the Nawaub Muddarud ud Dowlah for the Stipend of his Family for the Month of November last Sa. Rupees 6,250 which I request may be sent to this Office.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 10th February 1815.

T. Brooke, *S. N. Affairs.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I enclose you the receipts of the Nawaub Muddarud ud Dowlah for the Stipend of his Family for the Month of December 1814 Sa. Rupees 6,250 which I request may be sent to this Office.—I am etc.

the 10th February 1815.

T. Brooke.

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I enclose you the receipts of Nawaub Muddarud ud Dowlah for the Stipend of his Family for the Month of January last Sa. Rs. 6,250 which I request be sent to this Office.

the 10th February 1815.

T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I enclose you the receipts of the Nawaub Mustapha Khaun for his Stipend for the Month of October last.

Agreeably to the new arrangement (which has been made) You will be pleased to deduct 2,400 Rupees as the instalment towards the liquidation of the Nawaub's Debt to Government for which you will be pleased to send me your receipts in Duplicate and the Balance 2,000 Rupees be sent to this Office.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 11th February 1815.

T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I enclose you the receipts of the Nawaub Mustepha Khan for his Stipend for the Month of November last.

Agreeably to the new arrangement (which has been made) You will be pleased to deduct 2,400 Rs. as the instalment towards the liquidation of the Nawaub's debt to Government for which you will be pleased to send me your receipts in Duplicate and the Balance 2,000 Rupees be sent to this Office.

the 11th February 1815. T Brooke.
S. N. A.

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I enclose you the receipts of the Nawaub Mustapha Khan for his Stipend for the Month of December last.

Agreeably to the new arrangement (which has been made) you will be pleased to deduct 2,400 Rupees as the instalment towards the liquidation of the Nawaub's debt to Government for which you will be pleased to send me your receipts in Duplicate and the Balance 2,000 Rupees be sent to this Office.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, T. Brooke,
the 11th February 1815. *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I enclose you the receipts of the Nawaub Mustapha Khan for his Stipend for the Month of January last.

Agreeably to the new arrangement (which has been made) you will be pleased to deduct 2,400 Rs. as the instalment towards the liquidation of the Nawaub's Debt to Government for which you will be pleased to send me your receipts in Duplicate and the balance 2,000 Rupees be sent to this Office.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, T. Brooke,
the 11th February 1815. *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to transmit my receipts in Duplicate for the sum of Sa. Rs. Twenty Thousand for the discharge of the Establishments of Her late Highness the Munny Begum & for the amount of which you will take credit in your account as specified in the receipts enclosed.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, T. Brooke,
the 13th February 1815. *S. N. A.*

Received from H. T. Travers Esqr. Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad on account of the Establishments of her late Highness the Munny Begum the sum of Sa. Rs. Twenty Thousand (Sa. Rs. 20,000) for which credit is to be taken by the Collector in his Disbursements of the Nizamut Stipend on account of the arrear due on the established advances assigned to Her late Highness of 12,000 Rs. a month from the 1st January 1813.

Moorshedabad, T. Brooke,
the 13th February 1815. *S. N. A.*

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Colonel George Fleming,
Berhampore.

Sir,—The letter to the address of the Nawaub Amed Alli Khan, which you forwarded for my perusal, appears, in every respect unobjectionable; and there can exist no obstacle in its being forwarded to the Nawaub.—I have etc.

T. Brooke,
S. N. A.

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C. A. Malony Esqr.,
Acting Secretary, Persian Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit the accompanying letters from Sait Obychund, the Nuzzer presented with the letter to the address of the Hon'ble the Vice President was in the accustomary manner returned.—I have etc.

T. Brooke,
the 15th February 1815. *S. N. Affairs.*

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Wm. Loch Esquire,
Judge of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose the accompanying letter to your address from the Nawaub Roshunud Dowlah.—I am etc.

T. Brooke,
the 15th February 1815. *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—With reference to my letter of the 6th Nov. 1814, as Sharook Begum is stated to have recovered her health & that the necessity for the interference of Her Highness the Walidah Begum is done away, I request, that the Stipend to which Sharook Begum is entitled, be issued in the accustomary manner to the agent she may appoint to receive it.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, T. Brooke,
the 15th February 1815. *S. N. A.*

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Wm. Loch Esqr.,
Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to enclose a letter to your address from His Highness the Nawaub in answer to yours sent through this Office.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 4th March 1815.

T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I enclose you the receipts of the Nawaub Muddarud ud Dowlah for the Stipend of his Family for the Month of February last Sa. Rs. 6,250 which I request may be sent to this Office.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 6th March 1815.

T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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Wm. Fleming Esqr.,
Judge & Magistrate of Burdwan.

Sir,—I beg leave to transmit a letter to your address from His Highness the Nawaub, relative to the Nizamut Ramnah land, near Citwa, stated to be in the charge of Ramdhun Sircar, whose Petition is enclosed in His Highness's letter, & to which the attention it may be in your power to grant, is solicited.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 6th March 1815.

T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Acting Chief Secretary of Government, Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—Permit me to renew my request for the orders of Government on the dispatches from this Department relative to the succession to lapsed Stipends ; to the distribution of some new pensions ; & on other matters connected with the Nizamut, of which the particulars were detailed in His Highness the Nawaub's Letters to the Governor General forwarded on the following dates.

2. In a dispatch of the 25th October 1813 a letter was enclosed from His Highness on the future distribution of the monthly sum of Rupees 4,400 forming the residue of the lapsed Stipend of the late Bubboo Begum which at her demise at the request of the late Nawaub had been appropriated to the discharge of the Nizamut debt to Government ; and this being now paid off, his present Highness submitted for the confirmation of Government his proposal for the future distribution of this available resource. First. By the encrease of 600 Rs. p.m. to the allowance of His Highness's Brother Amed Alli Khan. Secondly by an allowance of 1,000 Rs. p. mensem to his Consort the Bow Begum & 3rdly that the remainder amounting to Rs. 2,800 should be set apart as an accumulating fund to meet unprovided exigencies.

3. The proposition in favor of Amed Alli Khan is highly creditable to the Nawaub, as his brother's present allowance of 900 Rs. p.m. is inadequate to his rank & Station ; the addition will place him on a footing with the Nawaub's Uncle Meer Mungly ; and from his invariable good conduct, he is entitled to be distinguished by the favor of Govt.

4. The proposition of His Highness to obtain a provision for his Consort the Bow Begum out of the existing available resources derived from a lapsed Stipend in the Dewry Mehals, appears, a measure which, under the circumstances of the Nawaub's situation, can scarcely be rejected. It is unnecessary however to repeat the opinion which I have already presumed to express on this subject in the 32d and 33d paragraphs of my Letter of the 10th Instant.

5. The reservation of the sum of 2,800 or annually Rs. 33,600 as an accumulating fund, is equally advisable.

6. On the preceding arrangements the orders of Government are solicited.

7. In a separate dispatch, also dated the 25th October 1813 was enclosed the Nawaub's application to confer on Affsil Alli the lapsed Stipend of Yadgar Begum deceased.

8. The following is the circumstance of the case ; Rhuman Nissa & Yadgar Begum, the Daughters of Baker Alli Khan Sabit Jung, by Syed un Nissa a Daughter of the Nawaub Mobarak ud Dowlah, enjoyed, after the death of their parents, a pension between them of Rs. 500 p.m. ; Yadgar Begum being dead without issue, His Highness proposes that, instead of conferring the Pensions on Rhum un Nissa the Sister, it be granted to Affsil Alli the Son of the Nawaub's Uncle, to whom she is contracted in marriage, this arrangement appears unobjectionable & has numerous precedents.

9. In the dispatch of the 29th of October 1813 the approbation of Government was solicited to the following arrangements proposed in Letters from His Highness to the Superintendent, of which Copies were transmitted for the information of Government.

10. His Highness's Letter marked in that dispatch No. 1, communicated the death of Ghalib Alli, one of the Ackrabahs, who enjoyed a Monthly pension of 22 Rupees, which was proposed to be divided between the surviving issue, named Daud Alli & Ahmed Alli his sons, & Omdut un Nissa his Daughter.

11. The letter marked No. 2 conveyed His Highness's proposition to confer on Koolsum Begum the Daughter and sole issue of Meer Hyder Alli deceased the Stipend of 32 Rupees a month which was enjoyed by her father.

12. The enclosure marked No. 3 had reference to the allowance granted to the illegitimate issue of Baker Alli Sabit Jung, married as before stated to a Daughter of the Nawaub Mobarric ud Dowlah.

13. Mirza Jaffer & Mirza Ashker Alli the illegitimate Sons of Sabit Jung, respectively obtained a Stipend of Rs. 99-9-12 p. Mensem. Of this sum, seventy Rupees issued out of the stipend which had formerly been settled* on Sabit Jung as a Son-in-Law of the late Nazim—& the remainder being 24-9-12 was derived from a Pension which Sabit Jung, separately received as a relation of the Nazim's family.

14. Mirza Jaffer having died without issue His Highness proposes that his Brother Ashker Alli receive an encrease of 65 Rs. to his Stipend, & that the residue being 34-9-12 be reserved as an accumulating fund to provide for the marriage expences of two Daughters of Sabit Jung still infants.

15. The enclosure marked No. 4 had reference to the inconvenience to which Looft Oolah, the Daughter of Zynul Begum, was subjected, in consequence of the Superintendents report of the 27th of November 1811 in which the Pension of Zynul Begum deceased of 15 Rs. p.m. was proposed to be transferred to her issue, remaining unconfirmed by Government.

16. In the dispatch from this department dated the 15th April 1814 I had the honor to enclose Letters to the address of the Governor General from His Highness the Nawaub, from Her Highness the Waledah Begum, & a Petition from Roy Kewul Kishen the eldest Son & heir of Rajah Soonder Sing deceased.

17. It appears that Government in the Year 1801 had, at the representation of the Committee, authorized the resumption of a Pension of 700 Rupees p.m. held by the Rajah Soonder Sing under a Sunnud granted to him in perpetuity by the Nawaub Mobarric ud Dowlah, on the ground that the Nawaubs had no right to divert the Nizamut resources from the purposes for which they had been granted. Government was however afterwards pleased to resolve that Rajah Soonder Sing should enjoy this Pension during life.

18. The present Letters, communicating the death of Soonder Sing are extremely urgent that the sanction of Government should be given for the continuance of the Pension to Kewul Kishen ; the Son & heir of Rajah Soonder Sing in this Solicitation, the Waledah Begum, widow to the Nawaub Mobarric ud Dowlah, is more particularly earnest & would be gratified by the condescension of the Governor General in confirming her request, & which is recommended on the ground that the Nizamut resources are now enabled to meet the disbursement.

19. The applications which follow have reference to the propositions of His Highness contained in the Letters herewith enclosed.

20. His Highness's Letter No. 1 reports the death of Zeenul Abdeen who held a Pension as an Akrabah of the Nizamut of 90 Rupees p.m. which His Highness recommends to be continued to his Son Meer Akbar Alli.

21. His Highness's Letter No. 2 reports the death of Askarree, who held a Pension as an Akrabah of 280 Rs. p. Mensem & recommends that his Son Mahamed Tuckee be appointed to the succession.

22. His Highness's Letter No. 3 reports the death of Hodayar Khanum the widow of Meer Mahtab a Pensioner of the Bailah Department of 45 Rs. p.m. His Highness proposes to confer on her only Daughter the Monthly Sum of 23 Rupees & that the remainder be resumed & appropriated to the available resources of the Nizamut.

23. His Highness's Letter No. 4 reports the deaths of Jaffer Alli & Syed Alli two of the Sons of Shahmut Jung and recommends the continuance of their Pension to the family—the case appears to be as follows.

24. Nuzzur Alli Khan Shahmut Jung was married to Rhum un Nissa a Daughter of the Nawaub Mobarric ud Dowlah by whom he left issue one Son & one Daughter ; By other Ladies of his Zennanah he had four Sons & five Daughters, which last were also provided with a maintenance of 250 Rs. p.m. sanctioned on the 9th November 1809 by Government. Jaffer Alli & Syed Alli the two eldest of these Sons being dead, His Highness proposes that the remaining Children of Shahmut Jung should have the lapsed proportion of the Stipend of these brothers divided between them. This arrangement appears unobjectionable but it requires the sanction of Government before it can be carried into effect.

25. To obviate the distress suffered by persons entitled to succeed to Stipends from the unavoidable delay in His Highness's propositions in their favor obtaining the confirmation of Government, I beg leave to renew my suggestion that in all such occasions the sanction of the Superintendent be deemed sufficient ; he reporting as at present, the arrangements for the information of Government reserving only for the decision of Government cases of importance, or those in which a difference of opinion may arise between the Nawaub & him on the principle of the arrangement. Some plan of this sort is necessary to accelerate business & to prevent the accumulation of arrears ; the one suggested seems liable to the least inconvenience.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 11th March 1815.

T. Brooke,
S. N. Affairs.

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I enclose you the receipts of the Nawaub Mustopha Khan for his Stipend for the Month of February last.

Agreeably to the new arrangement (which has been made) You will be pleased to deduct 2,400 Rupees as the instalment towards the liquidation of the Nawaub's debt to Government for which you will be pleased to send me your receipts in Duplicate & the Balance 2,000 Rupees be sent to this Office.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 13th March 1815.

T. Brooke,
S. N. A.

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Wm. Loch Esqr.,
Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to enclose a Letter to your address from His Highness the Nawaub in answer to your's sent through this Office.

Moorshedabad, the 14th March 1815.

T. Brooke,
S. N. A.

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In consequence of the disputes existing in the family of the Nawaub Amed Alli Khan it has been expe-

dient to make a new distribution of the Stipend to which the different members of that family are entitled. The receipts in Duplicate for the Stipend for the Months of July to December 1814 & January & February 1815 I have the pleasure to enclose & request the amount may be sent to this Office.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, T. Brooke,
the 16th March 1815. *S. N. A.*

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Fry. Magniac Esqr.,
Jt. Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose the answer of His Highness the Nawaub to your letter to his address relative to the sale of the property of Yosooboodeen Alli Khan & the Choolah Begum unless the arrear due from them on the Choukeydarry assessment was made good.

His Highness always understood that the members of his own family, more particularly those so nearly related to him as the parties in question were exempted from the assessment ; if a different arrangement has been established, the respect due to His Highness requires that the names of the different members of his family who are assessed with the amount of their assessment should be communicated to him through this Office, that an arrangement may be made to remove the difficulty & the disgrace attending the realization.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, T. Brooke,
the 21st March 1815. *S. N. A.*

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Wm. Loch Esqr.,
Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to enclose two Letters to your address one from the Nawaub Syed Abool Kasim Khan & the other from Rhyem un Nessa Begum.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, T. Brooke,
the 22d March 1815. *S. N. A.*

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A. Welland Esqr.,
Senior Judge of the Provincial Court of Appeal &ca.,
Patna.

Sir,—Permit me to introduce to you & to recommend to your particular protection the bearer hereof the Nawaub Akber Ally Khan Shumshur Jung nearly allied by blood to the family of the Soobah of Bengal & whose daughter is married to his present Highness the Nawaub Alli Jah—Shamsheer Jung is proceeding to Patna for the recovery of his health, & the present application in his favor is made at the particular request of His Highness.—I have etc.

T. Brooke,
the 4th April 1815. *S. N. A.*

To
H. Douglas, Judge & Magt., Patna, to E. Parry, Judge & Magt., Bhaugalpore and to Sir F. Hamilton Bart., Collector, Bhaugalpore, of the same tenor & purport.

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G. Swinton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Futtyghur.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit addresses to the Right Honorable the Governor General from the following Persons namely one from Jugut Seit, one from his Brother Sait Bishen Chund, & one from Sait Obey Chund and three letters from the same persons to your address.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, T. Brooke,
the 7th April 1815. *S. N. A.*

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G. Chester Esqr.,
Commercial Resident at Malda.

Sir,—His Highness the Nawaub of Bengal having agreeably to established Custom deputed his Darogah to procure Mangoes at (Malda) has requested me to furnish him with a letter of introduction to you. I beg leave therefore to recommend Mirza Ismail Baig to your attention & to solicit that any application he may eventually find it necessary to prefer may meet with your early notice.

T. Brooke,
the 8th April 1815. *S. N. A.*

[Letters written to the Actg. Magistrate of Purneah & to the Magistrate of Dinagepore, of the same tenor & purport, not printed.—Ed.]

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I enclose you the receipts of the Nawaub Muddarud ud Dowlah for the Stipend of his family for the Month of March last Sa. Rupees 6,250 which I request may be sent to this Office.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, T. Brooke,
the 15th April 1815. *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I enclose you the receipts of the Nawaub Mustapha Khan for his Stipend for the Month of March last.

Agreeably to the new arrangement (which has been made) You will be pleased to deduct 2,400 Rupees as the instalment towards the liquidation of the Nawaub's

debt to Government for which you will be pleased to send me your receipts in Duplicate & the Balance 2,000 Rupees be sent to the Office.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 15th April 1815. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector, of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to transmit my Receipts in Duplicate for the Sum of Sa. Rs. Twenty Thousand for the discharge of the Establishments of her late Highness the Munney Begum & for the amount of which you will take credit in your account as specified in the Receipts enclosed.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 22nd April 1815. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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Wm. Loch Esqr.,
Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I herewith enclose a letter to your address from the Nawaub Kullil Ullah Khan in reply to your's of the 19th Instant.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 22d April 1815. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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Wm. Loch Esqr.,
Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I herewith enclose a letter to your address from Rahim un nessa Begum in reply to your's of the 19th Instant.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 28th April 1815. — T. Brooke.

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—With reference to my letter of the 4th September 1813 I beg leave to enclose the Copy of a Petition from the sharers in the Stipend of the late Meer Mahamed Saleh Khan and in conformity to the 10th Paragraph of that letter it is requested that the deduction of 20 Rs. a month from the share of the Stipend of Cossim Alli which is left in deposit in your Treasury till the sum of 1,560 Rs. be made good, be paid, in conformity to the request of the Petitioners, to Gopenauth, their agent authorized by them to receive the same.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 2d May 1815. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—His Highness the Nawaub having requested that an advance of Rs. Four Thousand, one hundred & Ninety five be made for the repairs of the Choke belonging to her late Highness the Munny Begum you will herewith receive my receipts in Duplicate for this sum for the amount of which you will take credit in your accounts with the Nizamut as specified in the receipts. —I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 2d May 1815. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Chief Secretary of Government, Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—His Highness the Nawaub has represented to me the distress experienced in the Nizamut from the arrear which has already accrued in the issue of the Stipend for the Months of March & April & the uneasiness he is under from the communications of the Collector to his Vakeel that there is no prospect, in the ordinary course of his receipts, of his having the means to discharge the Nizamut demands for some months to come. The Nawaub has therefore solicited me in the most earnest terms to submit the circumstances for the consideration of Government in the confident expectation that measures will be taken to enable the Collr. to pay the arrear.

2. The distress which is represented by His Highness to prevail in the Nizamut is not fictitious, as the greater part of the Stipendiaries live from hand to mouth ; I may also add that the clamorous demands of the Establishments of her late Highness the Munney Begum are particularly annoying.

3d. From the communication of the Naib Dewan it would appear that the Collector issues the Nizamut Stipend whenever there may be a sum of money in his Treasury equal to the full discharge of the arrear consequently it must happen that money intended for the payment of the Stipend is appropriated to the discharge of some new demand on the treasury & the arrear of the Nizamut is allowed to accumulate.

4. This operates as a grievance & is felt as a hardship, but admits I think an easy remedy, by orders being issued to the Collector to remit to the Nawaub in part payment of the Stipend whatever Sums he may have in the Treasury, or may receive in his Treasury, after the liquidation of the Military demands which of course takes priority of the Nizamut Stipend.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 4th May 1815. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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Wm. Loch Esqr.,
Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to enclose you the answer of the Nawaub Meer Mungley to your letter to his address sent through this Office.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 6th May 1815. T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to send you herewith in (Bank Notes) the sum of Sa. Rs. six thousand being the amount of contributions transmitted to this Office from His Highness the Nawaub & others in testimony of their attachment to the British administration & for the furtherance of the benevolent intention of Government for the release of Debtors on the occasion of the late General thanks giving & for which object this money is exclusively to be appropriated.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 6th May 1815. T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

Memorandum of Bank notes sent herewith.

No. 390 Nov. 14th 1813	5,000	
No. 1495 Jan. 8th 1814	500	
No. 284 Sep. 21st 1812	100	
No. 430 do. 28th 1812	100	
No. 1096 Feb. 16th 1813	100	
No. 2760 Jan. 24th 1814	100	
No. 3594 July 22d 1814	100	
		6,000

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Chief Secretary of Government,
Acting Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—Permit me to request that you will communicate to the Hon'ble the Vice President in Council that His Highness the Nawaub in testimony of his attachment to the British Government was pleased to address me a congratulatory Letter on the occasion of the General thanks giving accompanied by his contribution of Sa. Rs. 1,600 towards the release of Debtors. Her Highness the Waledah Begum's congratulations were in like manner accompanied by a donation of Rs. 500.

2. The following persons of Rank residents of the City of Moorshedabad have also transmitted congratulatory addresses accompanied by the following contributions.

Rajah Oodwant Sing Bahadhur	Sa. Rs. 1,500
Juggut Sait & his Brother Sait Bishin Chund each 800 Rupees	1,600
Sait Obychund & his adopted Son Dowkul Chund each 400 Rupees	800

3. The preceding sums amounting altogether to Sa. Rs. 6,000 have been transmitted to the Collector to be appropriated for the purpose ordered by the proclamation.

4. It would undoubtedly be gratifying to the parties who have testified their attachment to the British administration to receive through this Office under the immediate sanction of the Hon'ble the Vice President; the approbation of Government for the liberal contributions they have made towards the accomplishment of the benevolent intention conveyed by the proclamation issued on the occasion of the General thanks giving.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 6th May 1815. T. Brooke, *S. N. Affairs.*

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Wm. Loch Esqr.,
Judge of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose you a Copy of the Proceedings of this Office arising out of an application of your Court dated the 3rd February 1813.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 8th May 1815. T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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William Paton Esqr.,
Judge & Magistrate of Nuddeah.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to transmit a letter to your address from His Highness the Nawaub of Bengal relative to a claim made by a Zemindar for some lands stated by His Highness to be included in his Rumnah at Chandpore, the boundaries of which are stated to have been formerly adjusted.

Permit me to request your attention to His Highness's letter & should there be any points requiring explanation, I shall be happy to be the means of affording the information for your guidance on the case.—I am etc.

the 8th May 1815. T. Brooke.

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In continuation of my letter of the 6th Instant, I beg leave to forward the sum of Sa. Rs. (in Bank Notes) Four Hundred being a further contribution from a native towards the fund for the release of Debtors.—I am etc.

the 9th May 1815. T. Brooke.

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F. Magniac Esqr.,
Joint Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose the proceedings of this Office held in consequence of your application dated the 12th Ultimo.

2. The complainant Dhunnah the Mother of Hoosun engaged, at one time to attend the examination of her Daughter, she afterwards declined doing so, & I can only discern in her objections her anxiety to regain possession of the person of her daughter that she may reprostitute her to some new purchaser.

3. Should you deem the depositions of the attesting witnesses necessary I request you will intimate the same to me that I may send notice to Her Highness the Waledah Begum.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 11th May 1815.

T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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Wm. Loch Esqr.,
Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to enclose you the answer of the Nawaub Kullil ullah Khan.

the 11th May 1815.

T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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William Loch Esqr.,
Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I enclose herewith a Letter from the Nawaub Kullil ullah Khan in answer to your reference accompanied by the two persons required—Dalloo & Saupull. —I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 16th May 1815.

T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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John Monckton Esqr.,
Chief Secretary of Government,
Acting Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—In continuation of my letter of the 6th Instant I beg leave to mention as a contributor towards the benevolent intention of Government the name of Colly Naraine Roy Mahashaiee who with the usual complimentary Letter of congratulation sent to this Office the sum of Four Hundred Rupees which has been added to the fund in the Collector's hands.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 16th May 1815.

T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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E. Parry Esqr.,
Magistrate of Zillah Bhaugulpore.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose the Copy of a Letter from the Nawaub Muddarud ud Dowlah soliciting my interposition to prevent Perwannahs being issued to him similarly to Zemmendars, to supply provisions for the Camp.

2. The Nawaub is an immediate descendant of that branch of the family of the Nawaub Jaffer Ally Khan which was settled at Rajmahl & who held the Office of Naib Soobah ; their descendants are nearly allied to his present Highness the Nawaub of Bengal are supported by a Stipend from the British Government and are in every point of view entitled to the exemption which is solicited. Perhaps it might be advisable to reprimand Choudry Emaumbuxsh for his erroneous representations tending to the degradation of the Soobah.

the 16th May 1815.

T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In continuation of my Letters of the 6th & 9th Instant I beg leave to forward the sum of Rupees Eleven hundred being a further contribution presented through this Office towards the fund for the release of Debtors. —I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 27th May 1815.

T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

(Memorandum).

One Bank note of	1,000 Rupees
Six Goldmohors	96 do.
In Silver	4
	1,100

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Acting Chief Secretary to Government,
Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—In continuation of my Letters of the 6th & 16th Instant I have the honor to inform that the Nawaub Sowlut Jung has contributed towards the benevolent intention of Government the sum of Rs. Eleven hundred which has been added to the fund in the Collector's hands.

the 27th May 1815.

T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Acting Chief Secretary to Government,
Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a Letter from His Highness the Nawaub to the Hon'ble the Vice President which was sent to me this morning with an earnest request from His Highness that I would not delay the transmission ; the subject of it has solely reference to the distress experienced from the arrear of the Nizamut Stipend now due & which is no way exaggerated.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 3d June 1815.

T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[418]

Wm. Loch Esqr.,
Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter with the Persian Proceeding transmitted to me last night.

2. I lament extremely the outrageous behaviour of the Nawaub Roshun ud Dowlah, whose conduct, from many instances which have come before me, impress me with a belief of a derangement of intellect, & that he can only be considered insane.

3. I enclose you the copy of my letter to His Highness the Nawaub which to prevent mistakes has been transmitted by the Moonshie of this Office, it appearing to me of primary importance to reserve the Woman Kurrumun, whose life in the first irritation of Roshun ud Dowlah's ungovernable rage, would be in jeopardy, more particularly since he declared to Mr. Magniac that he should not hesitate to destroy himself.

4. With regard to the subsequent measures to be pursued with Roshun ud Dowlah, the respect due to the dignity of His Highness the Nawaub, whose uncle he is, will require instructions from Government, to whom the case, for that purpose, shall be referred, in the meantime I have desired His Highness, & ordered it to be explained to him that, immediately Kureemmun is rescued that he is to Keep his Uncle in strict confinement.

5. Allow me to suggest the expediency of the examination of the Nazir & of all other persons present when the outrage stated was committed by Roshun ud Dowlah & that it may be endeavoured to be ascertained the number & the names of the persons by whom he was accompanied & whether they were around.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 10th June 1815.

T. Brooke,
S. N. Affairs.

[419]

Wm. Loch Esqr.,
Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have not yet received an answer from His Highness the Nawaub, but the Moonshie of the Office has informed me, that His Highness has placed his Uncle in confinement. His Highness sent to me Kurreemun & on my questioning her in the presence of the Joint Magistrate, she declared, she had no longer any subject of complaint against Roshun ud Dowlah ; the existing charge therefore against him resolves itself to his outrageous conduct in forcing away the woman from the protection of the Court.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 14th June 1815.

T. Brooke,
S. N. A.

[420]

Wm. Loch Esqr.,
Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I do myself the pleasure to forward the Copy of a Letter from His Highness the Nawaub with a Copy of its enclosure & likewise the Copy of a Letter from the Nawaub Roshun ud Dowlah to my address. It is my intention to transmit a Copy of these documents to Government, for their instruction with regard to the disposal of Roshun ud Dowlah, who continues under charge of His Highness in strict confinement, nor is there, in my opinion, any exaggeration in his state of mental derangement brought on by his excessive intemperance.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 20th June 1815.

T. Brooke,
S. N. A.

[421]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—The Dewan of His Highness the Nawaub has requested me to represent to you the extreme distress experienced by the Nizamut Stipendiaries & to solicit that on the arrival of the treasure from Calcutta, you would be so good to pay up the arrear of the Stipend of three months which was due on the 1st Instant.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 21st June 1815.

T. Brooke,
S. N. A.

[422]

J. Monckton Esqr.,
Acting Chief Secretary to Government,
Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—The profligate Characters of several of the Uncles of his present Highness the Nawaub of Bengal have so frequently been brought to notice that no surprize can be excited at any outrage they may perpetrate.

2. The interposition of the Superintendent in the adjustment of disputes which have arisen from their disorderly conduct, would on the present occasion be exerted in vain, as the aggression of the Nawaub Roshun ud Dowlah which justly exposes him to severe reprehension compels me to refer the case for the orders of Government. The circumstances are as follows:

3. A Woman of low character who for some years past had been entertained by him, quitted his protection & went in person to the Cutcherry of the Joint Magistrate to prefer a complaint against him for acts of ill usage & assault ; Roshun ud Dowlah appears to have followed her with a view of inducing or compelling her return, & his conduct was altogether so strange, proceeding the length of menacing to destroy himself that the Joint Magistrate acceded to a reciprocal proposal of the parties that the matter should be referred to the Superintendent of Nizamut Affairs for adjustment, at whose persuasion the complaint was dropped & the woman declared to be at liberty to go where she pleased, but particularly cautioned against returning to the City for at least a Month ; in this arrangement she acquiesced.

4. A few days after the same Woman again went to the Cutcherry to complain against Roshun ud Dowlah for an attempt to force her out of her own house in the City & requested the protection of the Joint Magistrate

against his renewed violence. The woman was in consequence consigned by the Joint Magistrate to the care of his Nazir, & placed in a vacant apartment of the Cutcherry adjoining the area of a Lock up house where persons, (under the custody of four or five Peons), are detained pending investigation ; To this place, after the Cutcherry had broke up, Roshun ud Dowlah came in the Evening heading a party of his own servants, who are stated to have been armed and carried off the woman.

5. On the Magistrate's communicating this outrage and applying for Roshun ud Dowlah to be delivered up, it appeared to me of primary importance to rescue the woman whose life it was presumed from Roshun ud Dowlah's preceding violent declaration might be in danger, with this object a Letter to the address of His Highness the Nawaub marked the enclosure No. 1 was transmitted through the Office Moonshie ; and according to the request it conveyed His Highness sent for his Uncle and for the Woman, between whom it appeared a reconciliation had taken place ; the Woman was afterwards sent by His Highness to the Superintendent ; & in his presence & in that of the Joint Magistrate she declared her reconciliation with Roshun ud Dowlah that she had no longer any complaint to prefer ; & had again chosen him for her protector.

6. The existing complaint against Roshun ud Dowlah resolves itself therefore into the outrage which he had committed in forcing away this willing woman, from the protection under which she had been placed by the Joint Magistrate.

7. For this outrage Roshun ud Dowlah is detained by His Highness in close confinement, & the enclosures marked 2, 3 & 4 are Copies of the Letters transmitted by His Highness, & Roshun ud Dowlah ; in which Roshun ud Dowlah in acknowledging his transgression, pleads in extinuation the state of absolute insanity into which he had been driven.

8. Of the actual existence of this insanity brought on by constant excess, no doubt can be entertained ; & Roshun ud Dowlah is too much an object of compassion to become one of indignation.

9. The respect due to the dignity of His Highness the Nawaub, equally with a desire to save from disgrace a direct descendent of an Ally from whom the British Government first obtained supremacy in Bengal, induces me to reserve the future disposal of Roshun ud Dowlah for the determination of Government.

10. It would be too much to say that the offence of Roshun ud Dowlah is venial but the exact degree of criminality, where the intention to violate the respect due to the Magistrate is clearly wanting cannot be precisely defined ; his punishment ought not therefore to be made derogatory to the dignity of the Soobah, & I beg leave therefore to suggest that His Highness the Nawaub be directed to send Roshun ud Dowlah to Dacca, where he should receive a reduced allowance for his maintenance, & that he be not permitted to return to Moorshedabad until a reformation in his Conduct may entitle him to a complete pardon from Government.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 22d June 1815.

T. Brooke,
S. N. A.

[423]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I enclose you the receipts of the Nawaub Mustapha Khan for his Stipend for the Months of April & May last.

Agreeably to the new arrangement (which has been made,) You will be pleased to deduct 2,400 Rupees from each Month as the instalment towards the liquidation of the Nawaub's debt to Government for which you will be pleased to send me your receipts in duplicate & the Balance 4,000 Rupees be sent to this Office.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 22nd June 1815.

T. Brooke,
S. N. A.

[424]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—A considerable anxiety having been excited from an apprehension that the demands on your treasury will not admit of your discharging the arrear due to the Nizamut ; I am induced to furnish you with a translation of the Letter (written the 6th Instant) from the Hon'ble the Vice President to His Highness the Nawaub, by which it has been understood that the primary object in the late dispatch of treasure from the Presidency was to clear off the Nizamut arrear.

2. In the event of there being any foundation for the apprehension entertained I solicit the earliest notice to enable me to enter on an explanation with the Nawaub & to apprize Government of the circumstance that steps may be taken to relieve the great distress which prevails amongst the Stipendiaries as well as in all the departments of the Nizamut.

Moorshedabad,
the 23d June 1815.

T. Brooke,
S. N. A.

[425]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collr. of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Yesterday's date returning the receipts of the Nawaub Mustapha Khan, for the arrear of his Stipend for April & May for the reasons before assigned by you.

2. It may be as well to avail myself of this opportunity to apprize you of the grounds of my interference with respect to the Stipend in question.

3. The Nawaub Mustapha Khan is a Minor who was placed under the immediate guardianship of the late Burrah Begum. On her demise, the Superintendence of her Dewry devolved on the agent of Nizamut Affairs until a final arrangement might be made by Government. In the investigation which took place in the affairs of the Minor Nawaub various abuses were discovered, & as Government had previously advanced a large sum for the liquidation of the debts of his father, & that new debts during the minority had been contracted, the expences of the Minors establishment were

reduced to the lowest possible scale of disbursement, the surplus was appropriated to the discharge of the debt to Government the appropriation for that purpose which was formerly 1,900 Rs. now stands under the new arrangement at 2,400 Rs. From the arrangement the family of the Nawaub experience actual distress from any irregularity in the payment of the Stipend, & as I consider that the arrear ought to be paid I return you the receipts for that purpose.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 24th June 1815. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[426]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collr. of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—With reference to my Letter of the 16th March last on the new distribution which had been made of the Stipend of the Nawaub Amed Alli Khan I beg leave to enclose you that Nawaub's receipts in duplicate for the Stipend for the Months of March, April & May last & request the amount may be sent to this Office.

Moorshedabad, the 28th June 1815. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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Fry. Magniac Esqr.,
Joint Magt. of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—His Highness the Nawaub having apprehended Alfoo, I have the pleasure to send him to you under custody. Should the names of any of the persons who accompanied Roshun ud Dowlah appear from the examination of Alfoo & that you think the assistance of this Office will accelerate their apprehension, I shall be obliged by your intimating the same to me.

the 29th June 1815. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[428]

H. Shakespeare Esqr.,
Magistrate of Zillah Rajshye.

Sir,—At the earnest request of His Highness the Nawaub I beg leave to refer you three Petitions from Izutt un Nissah a dependent of the Nizamut who holds the Zemeendarry of Bensdole & Puttapore, & if it is in your power to remedy the grievances which are setforth by the interposition of your authority, it will be very gratifying to His Highness.

2. The principal complaints relate to oppressions stated to be committed by the Dawk Peons & by the escorts in charge of treasure passing through the Zemeendarry, these evils, if on enquiry they are really found to exist may possibly require a representation to Government.

Moorshedabad, the 18th July 1815. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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Mirza Ramjaun
Vs.
Jewun Chund

Wm. Loch Esqr.,
Judge of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In compliance with the request contained in your Proceeding in the above case—application from this Office was made to His Highness the Nawaub for the recovery of money due by the late Nawaub Syed Hossain to Jewun Chund that the same might be applied to the satisfaction of a decree of the Court passed against Jewun Chund in favor of Mirza Ramjaun—the Nawaub has accordingly sent the sum of 767 Rupees 12 annas which is herewith forwarded & for which I request to be furnished with a receipt.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 20th July 1815. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[430]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I enclose you the receipts of the Nawaub Muddarud ood Dowlah for the Stipend of his Family for the months of April & May last Sa. Rs. 12,500 which I request may be sent to this Office.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 1st August 1815. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[431]

William Loch Esqr.,
Judge of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose the answer of the proceeding held by you in the cause of Nowasee Begum. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 3d August 1815. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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E. Parry Esqr.,
Magistrate of Zillah Bhaugulpore.

Sir,—I beg leave to submit the Copy of a Letter to my address from His Highness the Nawaub of Bengal with the original Petitions enclosed & to solicit the favor of your issuing order to prevent the Darogahs or others from interference in the Gunge & Bazar belonging to His Highness.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 4th August 1815. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[433]

Wm. Loch Esqr.,
Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose you the Copy of a Petition from Bubber Alli transmitted to me by His

Highness the Nawaub in whose service he is. Under the circumstances setforth I request a reference may be made to the Judge holding the Sessions to dispense with his attendance, otherwise every person in the Service of His Highness the Nawaub, would at the pleasure of a person committed to take his trial be liable to be subpoenaed to give evidence.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 4th August 1815. T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[434]

Wm. Loch Esqr.,
Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I herewith enclose a Letter to your address from Mirza Golam Hossain Khan in reply to yours of the 3d Instant.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 7th August 1815. T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[435]

Wm. Loch Esqr.,
Judge of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I herewith enclose two Letters to your address one from Mirza Golam Hossain & the other from Hyatun un Nessa Begum.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 15th August 1815. T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[436]

Wm. Loch Esqr.,
Judge & Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—His Highness the Nawaub of Bengal having intention to proceed to Rajemahl I beg leave to request that Perwannahs may be issued directing your Officers whose stations may be in the vicinity of the River to wait on His Highness & to evince towards him those marks to attention & respect which is due to his high dignity.

Moorshedabad, the 19th August 1815. T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

E. Parry Esqr., Judge & Magistrate of Bhaugulpore, to the same purport (dated as above).

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Sir F. Hamilton Bart.,
Collector of Bhaugulpore.

Sir,—His Highness the Nawaub of Bengal having intimated his intention to proceed to Rajemahl where he means to pass eight or ten days, I beg leave to request that Perwannahs may be issued to the Officers in your department stationed at that place to be in attendance on His Highness ; to furnish the supplies that may be required ; & to evince towards His Highness those marks of attention & respect which is due to high dignity.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 19th August 1815. T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[438]

J. Monckton Esqr.,
Acting Chief Secretary of Government,
Political Dept., Fort William.

Sir,—I beg you will inform the Hon'ble the Vice President in Council that in consequences of the earnest request of His Highness the Nawaub to be permitted to proceed immediately to Rajemahl I felt myself compelled to acquiesce in his wishes without waiting for the previous concurrence of Government, His Highness made the application Yesterday & set off this morning. I felt the less reluctance in meeting His Highness's wishes as he produced the permission which had been granted to him on the 20th September 1811 to make an excursion to Mongyhr, but of which from subsequent circumstances he had not availed himself.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 19th August 1815. T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[439]

John Monckton Esqr.,
Actg. Chief Political Secretary to Government,
Fort William.

Sir,—In my address of the 24th April 1813 relative to the abuses which existed in the management of the concerns of the Minor Nawaub Mustapha Khan, I took occasion to mention that an arrangement had been made by which the expenses of the Nawaub's Establishments which stood at 2,500 Rupees P. Mensem had been reduced to 2,000 Rupees the surplus of 500 Rs. being appropriated with the former sum of 1,900 Rs. towards the liquidation of the debt of the Estate to Government ; since that period the Nawaub's accounts are regularly submitted for inspection & I have the satisfaction to know that whilst no new debt has been incurred, the Nawaub is sensible of the advantage which has resulted to himself from my interference.

The Nawaub who is an intelligent young man, now in his fifteenth year, waited on me a few days ago, requesting to be allowed to borrow 600 Rupees required for extra expenses which would be incurred on his first observance of the feast of the Ramzaun ; this was acceded to, but I beg to suggest that I may be authorized to discharge the loan by a deduction from the ensuing instalment, which instead of being 2,400 Rupees as it now stands will for one month only be 1,800 Rupees.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 19th August 1815. T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[440]

John Monckton Esqr.,
Actg. Chief Political Secretary of Government,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor herewith to transmit a translation of the Accounts furnished by the Officers of His

Highness the Nawaub detailing the receipts & disbursements of the Nizamut commencing with the 1st Bysac 1220, corresponding with the 12th April 1813 & closing on the 30th of Chyte of the same year, or the 11th April 1814.

2. The disbursements detailed in the Enclosure No. 1 Amount to Rs. 16,34,749-9-12 which from the form adhered to in drawing out the accounts is made to exceed the Stipend in Rupees 34,749-9-12 but as the saving of Rs. 37,128 continues to be included with the disbursements & is afterwards brought to credit the disbursements are therefore less than the Stipend by Rupees 2,378-6-18-2.

3. The Notes in the Enclosure No. 2 specify all the information it is in the power of the Superintendent to furnish on the detail of these disbursements, which being nearly on a par with those of preceding years do not appear to require animadversion although it is obvious that by a proper controul over the Establishments of the Nizamut numerous heads of expense stated are susceptible of reduction.

4. The Enclosure No. 3 is an account of the disbursements incurred by the discharge of the Establishments of Her late Highness the Muny Begum which since her demise continues under the management of her late Dewan Roy Hurry Sing.

5. A complete detail of the fixt & Contingent expenses of her late Highness's household Establishments & Pensions was furnished in the Superintendent's report of the 12th April 1813 ; her late Highness received the amount of her Stipend direct from the Collector's Treasury ; the Sums, which since her demise have been taken up for the payment of her Establishments, have been issued by the Collector under the receipts of the Superintendent ; the amount of Her Highness's annual Stipend was 1,44,000 Rupees pr. annum & which from January 1813 to March 1814 inclusive amounts to Rs. 1,80,000 of which has been disbursed Rupees 70,100 leaving an arrear due by Government of Rupees 1,09,900 the total arrear to July 1815 amounts to Rupees 2,07,704.

6. Government are fully apprized of the untoward circumstances which have thrown on the Superintendent the responsible & arduous duty of managing her late Highness's concerns constituting him not only the administrator to her Estate but devolving on him the Superintendence of numerous branches of the Nazims family who had heretofore been placed under the exclusive controul of her late Highness amongst these are to be enumerated the branch of the family which reside at Rajmahl who receive an allowance from Government distinct from the Nizamut Stipend ; the family of the Minor Nawaub Mustapha Khan on which I had the honor to address Government on the 24th April 1813 ; the family of Buxee Begum, & of Amed Alli Khan, whose particular situation was brought to notice in my Letter of the 20th October 1814.

7. In conformity to established usage the Stipends of these families were paid at the Collector's Office to the Agent of the Burrah Begum who delivered the receipts of the respective heads for the amount, after which the distribution amongst the sharers was made by Her Highness's Officers.

8. But as this distribution was made at the Zennanah by the Eunuchs deductions under various pretences took place as well as considerable abuse in the management of the Estates under, the controul of the Begum, which were more particularly pointed out in the Letters referred to relative to the families of Mustapha Khan & Amed Alli Khan ; to prevent the interference of Eunuchs the respective receipts for the Stipends have been sent through the Superintendent to the Collector & instead of the distribution being made at the Zennanah it has been done at the Superintendent's Office.

9. This arrangement, however beneficial to the parties, has entailed so much extra duty on the Superintendent that I cannot avoid availing myself of this occasion to renew my solicitation to obtain the final decision of Government on the future arrangements of the Nizamut incident to the death of her late Highness & which alone can exonerate the Superintendent from his present responsibility.

10. Besides the arrear due by Government to the Nizamut on account of the Stipend of the late Begum there remains a deposit in the Nizamut of Rs. 36,526-9-2 specified under the head of Tosha Khanah &ca. in the Enclosure No. 1.

11. To revert to the Nizamut accounts, I beg leave to observe that the Enclosure No. 4 is a specification of the variation in the expenses & the savings in the several departments leaving a surplus, saving as before stated of Rupees 2,378-6-8-2.

12. The account No. 5 is a Statement of the floating Debt which in the Year preceding stood at Rs. 1,69,223-7-8-1 & is now reduced from the payments specified, at Rs. 1,24,979-1-9-3 to which however is to be added the former unprovided Bond Debt which with Interest may be calculated at Rs. 1,40,756.

13. The Enclosure No. 6 is a Statement of His Highness's account with Government, which if correct, His Highness has paid the sum of Rupees 7,900 beyond the demand ; the difference probably originates from the mode of calculating the Interest & stands open to correction.

14. In my address of the 13th September 1813 I took occasion to mention the expectation verbally expressed by His Highness that the unappropriated part of the Stipend of the late Bubboo Begum of Rs. 4,400 would in consequence of the general augmented price of every articles be added to his personal allowance.

15. But in my Letter of the 25th of October last I had the honor to transmit the written communication of His Highness relative to its future distribution, & which under a full impression of the expediency & propriety of His Highness's proposition I took occasion to recommend for the sanction of Government.

16. The mode in which the Nizamut expenditure is made, and the annual accounts furnished preclude any real advantages resulting from the interposition of the Superintendent, who has no means of forming any judgement of the necessary quantity of expenditure, or of the qualities & valuation of the Articles which is charged to the debit of the Nizamut accounts.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 19th August 1815.

T. Brooke,
S. N. A.

No. 1.

Enclosure

Statement exhibiting the receipts & disbursements of the Nizamut Stipend from the 1st of Bysac 1220 corresponding with the 12th April 1813 to the 30th Chyte of the same Year—corresponding with the 11th April 1814

Amount of the Stipend issued to the Nizamut			1,33,333- 5- 6- 3	
or annual amount of the Nizamut Stipend				Sa. Rs. 16,00,000- 0- 0
Detail of the appropriation				
Kullum Dawn Khana or Privy purse of His Highness the Nawab			12,000	1,44,000 Annually
Stipends to Begums & others—				
1. To Her Highness the Burrah Begum Monthly		12,000	A. 1,44,000	
2. Stipend for the maintenance of the Establishments of the late Bubboo Begum decreased		2,000	24,000	
3. Stipend to the Nawab Mustapha Khan son of the Nawaub Sydoo & others		5,000	60,000	2,28,000- 0- 0
Disbursements in the Sheristah Nizamut as P. detail exhibited in the acct. for 1215 transmitted on the 2d January 1810 Monthly	42,118-15- 0			
Encrease from the lapsed Stipend of the Bubboo Begum, originally added to the allowance of the Nawaub, which reverted back to the funds on his succession to the Musnud	300- 0- 0			
Total Monthly	42,418-15- 0			
Total Annually		5,09,027- 4- 0		
Deduct savings in the disbursements from broken periods . . .		1,555- 5- 0		
Remains			5,07,471-15- 0	
add Encrease of Disbursements				
Extra Dandies	566- 9- 0			
Paid arrear of Stipend due to Mirza Muckoo from Assar 1206 to Assar 1220	2,600- 0- 0		3,166- 9- 0	
making the Total disbursements of the year				5,10,638- 8- 0
Sheristah Bhelah or Shagurd Paishah				
Particulars as P. detail in the acct. of the Year 1215 transmitted in January 1810 p. Mensem .		20,569- 0- 0		
add Encrease				
Allowance to the Waledah Begum derived from the lapsed Stipend of the Bubboo Begum . . .	1,000			
Allowance to the Stipend of Amed Alli Khan Brother of His Highness from the same source . . .	300	1,300- 0- 0		
Total Monthly allowance		21,869- 0- 0		
Annually			2,62,428- 0- 0	
Deduct savings in the disbursements from broken periods . . .			3,322-14- 0	
Leaving the annual Expenditure			2,59,105- 2- 0	
add Encrease				
Establishment of the Dewry of the Bow Begum consort to His Highness under Fusseeon Rhemah		1,375		
Jemydhars for 11 Months at 125 p. mensem				
Hire of Dandies for four months		60	1,435	
Total Disbursements				2,60,540- 2- 0

Enclosure

Statement exhibiting the receipts & disbursements of the Nizamut Stipend for the 1st of Bysac 1220 corresponding with the 12th April 1813 to the 30th Chyte of the same Year—corresponding with the 11th April 1814 (*contd.*)

Sheristah Tosha Khanah & Meersamanee allowance for the Tosha Khanah monthly . .	14,560- 4-13- 1			
Ditto do. Meersamanee do. . .	12,275-15- 9- 2			
		26,836- 4- 3		
Total Annual disbursement .			3,22,035- 1-16- 1	
add Encrease of Disbursements incurred				
In the Toshah Khanah . . .		40,148-14- 4- 2		
In the Meersamanee		39,521- 0- 3- 0		
Total Encrease			79,669-14- 7- 2	
Total Expenditure				4,01,705- 0- 4 -0
				15,44,883-10- 4 -0
Of the Preceding sum, there remains in deposit as follows:				
Saleanah of the late Burrah Begum . .	26,077- 3-17- 0			
Ditto of the Cook room expenses . .	11,534- 5-10- 2			
Total	37,621- 9- 7- 2			
Deduct daily allowance granted for the maintenance of Meer Bhoodun at 3 Rupees p. Diem	1,095- 0- 0- 0			
Remains as a deposit in the Nizamut	36,526- 9- 7- 2			
Expenditure as stated .	4,01,705- 0- 4- 0			
Deduct in Deposit .	36,526- 9- 7- 2			
Actual Expenditure .	3,65,178- 6-16- 2			
Buildings or Immarut				
Established disbursements			18,600- 0- 0- 0	
Deduct savings .			1,959- 1-12- 3	
Making the actual Expenditure				16,640-14- 7- 1
Ashoor Khanah Celebration of the Mohurum				
Established Allowance . . .			18,000- 0- 0- 0	
Deduct savings made			648-15- 9- 3	
Making the actual Expenditure .				17,351- 0-10- 1
Medical Department				
Established Monthly Charge 289-2-8-3			3,469-13- 4	
Deduct savings . . .			395-13- 4	
Making the actual Disbursement				3,074- 0- 0- 0
Add Received from the Collector the unappropriated arrear of the late Bubboo Begum's allow. set apart for the payment of the Debts of the Nizamut at 4,400 Rupees P. Mensem				52,800- 0- 0- -0
Memorandum of the preceding sum of 52,800				16,34,749- 9- 1- 2
There was paid in liquidation of the debt to Government .		10,934- 1- 0		
Balance appropriated to the discharge of the Floating debt		41,865-15- 0		
Total Sa. Rs.		52,800- 0- 0		
Fixt Allowance for the Nizamut Disbursements			16,000- 0- 0- 0	
Nominal Excess disbursements stated in the account . . .			34,749- 9- 1- 2	
To meet this excess there exists as particularized in Letter of the Enclosure charges which still continue to be included in the Disbursements although the actual payment has ceased of Rupees .			37,128- 0- 0- 0	
From which sum the surplus being deducted of			34,749- 9- 1- 2	
There remains a saving of Rupees			2,378- 6-18- 2	

Enclosure

Statement exhibiting the receipts & disbursements of the Nizamut Stipend for the 1st of Bysac 1220 corresponding with the 12th April 1813 to the 30th Chyte of the same Year—corresponding with the 11th April 1814—*contd.*

Note—

A. This forms a separate Enclosure marked No. 3 being the acct. rendered by Roy Hurry Sing Dewan of the Disbursement on account of the Establishments of her late Highness the Burrah who demised in Janurary 1813 with a Statement of Receipts by him brought down to the 31st of March 1814 in order to correspond with the Nizamut accounts			1,44,000
B. *Sheristah Nizamut*			
Extra Disbursements for Dandies		566- 9- 0	
The occasion of this disbursement has been explained in preceding Accounts expense over charged does not exceed the disbursement of the preceding Year			
Arrear of Stipend due to Mirza Muckoo the payment of this disbursements has been inserted in the department in which the deduction took place, & this was unobjectionable as no blame can attach to his present Highness for the Stoppage which was made . .		2,600	3,161
C. *Sheristah Bailah*			
The increase of expense in this department is similar to that of the Year preceding and has the same explanation given. The expense is more than met in the saving made in this department .			1,435

Note—

D. Tosha Khanah & Meersamanee Departments -Extra Expenses in the department of the Tosha Khanah Stated in the accounts rendered at Rs. 40,148-14-4-2

Particulars

Shauls and winter dresses for the Nawaub		7,611- 7- 0	
Do. for the Bow Begum the consort of His Highness . .		4,082-14-19	
Do. for the Dooline Begum do. do.		3,528- 8- 1	
Distributions of presents & Khellauts at the Ead & Nowroze . .		10,899- 0-17	
Extra expenses incurred in the Bukker Ead Saulgerah Ramzaun. The Bayra Dewalles Shubraut		4,899- 0- 2	
• Khellats & Ambaree conferred on Juggut Seat		1,547- 1-10	
The remaining Sum is included under 20 different heads . .		7,580-14- 5- 2	40,148-14- 4- 2
E. Meersamanee Extra Expenses	39,521- 0- 3		
The most prominent articles of Excess are for the Provision or Cook room expenses of the two Begums the Consorts of His Highness stated at Rs.		18,566- 3-10	
Excess of the late Barrah Begums Expenses of the Cook room omitted in the former account		2,057-10- 0	
Expenses of horses, Elephants, Camels & other animals beyond the allowances originally fixed inserted under 22 Heads . . .		18,897- 2-13	39,521- 0- 3

From a reference to the Accounts of the three Years preceding the present account, little variation will be found in the disbursements of the Tosha Khanah & Meersamanee departments; Many of the Charges which swell the detail may be considered to grow out of the times, and others may be unavoidable; but Government must be aware of the inutility of any check under the present mode of furnishing the accounts; and so long as the total disbursements do not exceed the amount of the funds His Highness would object to the assumption of controul by the Superintendent without the express sanction of Government. The observations made under these heads in preceding Years is equally applicable to the accounts of the present year and in several representations which have been referred the expediency of fixing suitable Establishments for the Begums, the Consorts of His Highness, has been urged.

No. 4.

Enclosure

Statement exhibiting the receipts & disbursements of the Nizamut Stipend for the 1st of Bysac 1220 corresponding with the 12th April 1813 to the 30th Chyte of the same Year—corresponding with the 11th April 1814—*concld.*

Statement Shewing the detail of the Encrease of disbursements, beyond the former proposed Establishments and the resources accruing to meet those disbursements in the Bengal Year 1220 correspond 1813/14

Particulars of Encrease

Sheristah Nizamut as P. Acct. No. 1		3,166- 9		
Sheristah Bailah do.		1,435- 0		
Sheristah Tosha Khanah .	40,148-14- 4- 2	79,669-14- 7- 2		
Sheristah Meersamanee .	39,521- 0- 3- 0	----------	84,271- 7- 7- 2	
The above encrease is in part provided for by the following resources.				
Savings in the Sheristah Nizamut as P. Acct. No. 1		1,555- 5		
Do. do. Bailah do.		3,322-14		
Do. do. Buildings do.		1,959- 1-12- 3		
Do. do. Ashoor Khanah		648-15- 9- 3		
Do. do. Medical Department		395-13- 4		
Total of annual Savings			7,882- 1- 6- 2	
To be added the unappropriated fund or retrenchments of the Committee in 1802 set apart to meet the encreased expenses of the Nizamut			41,639-12-19- 2	
Add further resources which are included as disbursements in the Account No. 1 and are brought to credit here to meet what is stated to be excess of disbursements				
Retrenchment in the Pension of Rustum Jung deceased, resumed on the 13th October 1809		12,000		
Do. of Shahmut Jung 12th Oct. 1809		6,000		
Resumption in part of the allowance to Kulleloolah Khan 94 Rs. P. M.		1,128		
Unappropriated allowance of the present Nawaub which he received in the life time of his father		18,000		
			37,128- 0- 0	
				86,649-14- 6- 0
Extra Expenses above stated				84,271- 7- 7- 2
Leaving disbursements less than the actual resources				2,378- 6-18- 2

No. 5.

Amount of the Floating Debt of the Nizamut for the Year 1220		
Balance of the Debt by the Acct. of 1219 . . .	1,69,223- 7- 8- 1	
Add encrease of Expenditure in 1220	34,749- 9- 1- 2	
		2,03,973- 0- 9- 3
Payments		
From the savings in the Expenditure particularized in the under its several heads	37,128	
Payments made from the reserved Pension of the late Bubboo Begum which remains unappropriated	41,865-15	
		78,993-15- 0- 0
Balance due by Nizamut		1,24,979- 1- 9- 3
To the preceding sum is to be added the Bonds held by Sookmun & Meer Salemaun	70,425- 0-	
Interest claimed	70,325- 0-	1,40,750- 0- 0- 0
		2,65,729- 1- 9- 3

No. 6.

Statement Exhibiting the Account of His Highness's Debt to Government with the repayments down to the 13th of September 1813

				Repayments			
1. Bond dated 24 October 1808		2,51,507-10- 3		1. In the Year	1215	24,500	
2. Do.	Poose	1216	32,000- 0- 0	2. Do.	1216	59,600	
3. Do.	April	1811	60,000- 0- 0	3. Do.	1217	94,800	
			3,43,507-10- 3	4. Do.	1218	94,800	
Interest on the above sums Calculated to the 31st of December 1812 .			94,727- 1- 5	5. Do.	1219	94,800	3,68,500- 0- 0- 0
				Payments made			
Interest calculated on the Balce. which was due by the Nawaub on the 31st December 1812 Amounts to 59,534-6-4 to the 13th September 1813 .			2,500	in May, June, & July 1813 Corresponding with 1220		23,700	
			97,227- 8- 5	By Cash on the 13th Sept. 1813 Paid to Collector .		13,534- 1- 9- 3	37,234- 1- 9- 3
			4,40,735- 2- 8				4,05,734- 1- 9- 3
Error in the Account of an excess of payment in the calculation of Interest submitted for correction . .			7,900- 0- 0	Add Interest Calculated on the repayments down to 31st December 1812 . .		41,800- 5- 4-0	
				Interest on repayment in January, February, March, April, May, June & July 1813		1,100-11-14-1	
							42,901- 0-18-1
			Sa. Rs. 4,48,635-2-8-0				4,48,635-2- 8-0

Or in Conformity to the Statement Furnished by the Accountant General on the 3d of February 1813 the Account will appear as follows

		Payments	
Balance due by His Highness on the Principal & Interest of the Loans after giving him Credit for all payments & interests thereon down to the 31st December 1812	59,534- 6- 4-0	In January, February, March & April 1813 Stated in Account closed on the 11th April 1813	31,600- 0- 0-0
Add Interest on this sum from 1st January to the 13th September 1813	2,500- 7- 0-0	Payments in May, June & July 1813 . .	15,800- 0- 0-0
		Do. in September 1813	13,534- 1- 9-3
		Interest on Payments	1,100-11-14-1
	62,034-13-4-0		62,034-13- 4-0

Corrected account transmitted on the 15 September 1815.

Loan to His Highness the Nawaub Mobaruck ul Dowlah in Account with the Hon'ble Company

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1808/9		
Amount Paid by the Collector of Moorshedabad to sundry Persons on account of the debts of His Highness Vizt. .		
On the 30th August 1808 Sa.Rs	12,921- 9-0	
1st September .	21,200 -0-0	
2d of Do.	93,332- 3-0	
23d Do.	20,000- 0-0	
10 October .	1,04,053-14-3	
30 November	32,000- 0-0	
1810/11 On the 1 of April 1811 .		60,000- 0-0
Interest on the above sums from their respective dates to the 30th June 1811 at 8 P. Cent P.A.	63,811- 6-5	
From the 30th June 1811 to 31 December 1812 at 6 P. Cent P annum	30,915-11-0	94,727 -1-5
	Sa. Rupees	4,38,234-11-8

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1808/9		
Amount received by the Collector of Moorshedabad from His Highness by a monthly payment of Sa. Rs. 3,500 from October to April inclusively		24,500- 0-0
1809/10 Do. Do. Do. from May to December Do. at 3,590P.M.	28,000- 0-0	
Do. Do. from January to April 1810 at 7,900	31,600- 0-0	59,600- 0-0
1810/11 Do. Do. Do. May to April inclusive at	7,900- 0-0	94,800- 0-0
1811/12 Do. Do. from Do. to Do. at	Do.	94,800- 0-0
1812/13 Do. Do. from Do. to December 1812 at	7,900- 0-0	63,200- 0-0
		3,36,900- 0-0
Interest accrued upon the above monthly payments to the 31st December 1812 Vizt.		
On a monthly Payment of 3,500 P.M. for 7 months in the year 1808/9 equal to 2 P. Cent .	490- 0-0	
On a Do. of Do. for 8 months in the year 1809/10 equal to 2½ P. Cent 653-5-4		
Do. Do. of 7,900 for 4 months in the year of Do. equal to 1 P. Cent 316-0-0	969- 5-4	
On a Do. of 7,900, for 12 Ms. in the year 1810/11 equal to 4⅔ P.C.	4,424- 0-0	
Do. Do. of Do for Do. in the year 1811/12 Do.	4,424- 0-0	
Do. Do. of Do. for 8 months in the year 1812/13 at 2⅓	1,474-10-8	
Interest on 24,500 from May 1809 to June 1811 inclusive at 8 P. Cent	4,246-10-8	
Do. on 59,600 from May 1810 to Do. at Do.	5,562-10-8	
Do. on 94,800, from May 1811 to Do. at Do.	1,264- 0-0	
Do. on 1,78,900 from July 1811 to Decr. 1812 at 6 P.C.	16,101- 0-0	
Do. on 94,800 from July 1812 to Do. at Do.	2,844- 0-0	41,800- 5-4
		3,78,700- 5-4
Add		
Expected payment in January 1813 as P. Mr. Secy. Monckton's Letter ..		7,900- 0-0
Balance due from His Highness ..		51,634- 6-4
	Sa. Rupees	4,38,234-11-8

Fort William,
Accountant Generals Office,
the 3d Feby. 1813.

Errors Excepted.
W. Egerton,
Actt. General.

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In consequence of the approaching festival of the Ead & which is followed by the Bera His Highness the Nawaub has been particularly urgent to obtain the payment of the Nizamut arrears due for the past Months of June & July.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 21st August 1815.

T. Brooke,
S. N. A.

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H. T Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I enclose you the receipts of the Nawaub Muddarud ud Dowlah for the Stipend of his Family for the Months of April, May & June last Sa. Rs. 18,750 which I request may be sent to this office.

the 21st August 1815.

T. Brooke,
S. N. A.

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to transmit my receipts in duplicate for the Sum of Sa. Rs. Twenty Thousand for the discharge of the Establishments of her late Highness the Munny Begum & for the Amount of which you will take credit in your account as specified in the receipts inclosed.

T. Brooke,
the 24th August 1815. *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I enclose you the receipts of the Nawaub Mustapha Khan for his Stipend for the Months of June & July last.

Agreeably to the new arrangement (which has been made,) you will be pleased to deduct 2,400 from each month as the instalment towards the liquidation of the Nawaub's debt to Government for which you will be pleased to send me your receipts in duplicate & the Balance 4,000 Rupees be sent to this Office.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, T. Brooke,
the 24th August 1815. *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have recd. your letter of the 24th Instant returning me the receipts for the Stipend of Muddarud ud Dowlah referring me to your letter of the 5th Inst. for your reasons for so doing.

On reference to the Bengally Memorandum furnished by your Treasurer enclosed in your Letter of the 5th Inst. under the sixth head relative to the issue of the Stipend to that Nawaub I should be obliged by your sending me a Copy of the receipts for the payment of that Stipend for the Month of December 1812 & likewise a Copy of the receipt entered in the receipt Book in which specifies the name of the person into whose hand the payment was made.

To obviate the distress which would be experienced before the orders of Government could be received on your objections, I have furnished the Dewan & Mooktahr of Muddarud ud Dowlah with the Nawaub's receipts & directed him to attend with this letter to receive the same in the manner in which it was done in January 1813 previously to the superintendence of the late Begum's concerns having devolved on me.

This arrangement supersedes the directions suggested in my letter of the 20th September 1814, which was sanctioned for the accommodation of the Nawaub Muddarud ud Dowlah, & will be submitted for the approbation of Government whenever the state of his can be brought before Government.

Moorshedabad, T. Brooke,
the 25th August 1815. *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have duly received your letter of the 5th Inst. intimating that unless I could furnish you with a Copy of the orders of Government authorizing the payment of any part of the Nizamut Stipend by this Office, you must in future decline sending the money, and that having that authority, you require me to transmit my own receipts instead of the receipts of the parties for whom the Stipends are sent to this office for distribution.

2. The occasion of my interference, was incident to the death of Her Highness the Munny Begum, who demised in January 1813 ; the distribution of Stipends which were immediately under the late Begum devolved on the Superintendent until Government should decide on the final arrangements which are to be made in the Nizamut Affairs. With the circumstances attending my interference Government are apprized.

3. The temporary arrangement has existed during a period of two years & a half ; the application of the Superintendent having heretofore been considered a sufficient authority for the issue of Stipends in the manner & mode introduced by him ; and as the accounts of the Collectorship are annually transmitted to the Presidency it may be presumed that any irregularity would not have escaped the animadversion of the Constituted authorities of Government.

4. The objections you have now stated shall of course be submitted to Government for their instructions, but as the parties to whom the Stipends are due will in the intermediate time of the orders of Government being received, suffer great distress—I request that the mode of payment which has hitherto been observed, may be continued either till those orders be received, or at least to the end of the month of July from which date your objections have been advanced.

Moorshedabad, T. Brooke,
the 25th August 1815. *S. N. A.*

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Wm. Loch Esqr.,
Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I herewith enclose a Letter to your address from His Highness the Nawaub.

T. Brooke,
the 28th August 1815. *S. N. A.*

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Wm. A. Brooke Esqr.,
Political Agent to the Govr. General at Benares.

Sir,—With reference to the former Letters from this department relative to the Meer Ka Postah at Benares the property of Mahamed Alli the Son of Roostum Jung by whose father it was erected, I beg leave to enclose an original Derkhaust from Mahd. Alli which I beg leave to submit for your consideration & to solicit that

measures be taken to prevent the sale of this place which is apprehended may be attempted by the Agent of Sharook Begum otherwise called the Buxshee Begum, the widow of the late Roostum Jung.

Moorshedabad, the 1st September 1815. T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I return my receipts in duplicate for 20,000 Rs. being the advance required by me for the discharge of her late Highness the Burrah Begum's Establishments & shall be obliged by your sending me the amount previous to my leaving this place.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 2nd September 1815. T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—As the issue of the Stipend of the Nawaub Mustapha Khan for June & July whose receipts were enclosed in my Letter of the 24th Ultimo has not been made I am to conclude that it arises from the objections stated by you of making payments through this Office ; to prevent the Nawaub experiencing distress I have directed his constituted Agent & Mookteahr Din Dial to attend on you to receive the amount, your receipts for the usual instalments are to be sent to me.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 2d September 1815. T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collr. of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—The bearer of this Poorun Lall the Agent of Amed Alli Khan, is furnished with the receipts for Amed Alli Khan's Stipend for the Months of June & July which will be delivered to your office on the payment of the Stipend being made.

Moorshedabad, the 2d September 1815. T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collr. of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In consequence of my absence from the City I request the favor of your paying to Roy Hurry Sing Dewan of her late Highness the Munny Begum the sum of Sa. Rs. 20,000 for which my receipts in duplicate are enclosed. The extreme distress experienced by her late Highness's Establishments from the arrear due to them renders a speedy discharge of the sum required particularly desirable.

Moorshedabad, the 4th September 1815. T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[453]

John Monckton Esqr.,
Acting Chief Secretary of Government, Poll. Dept., Fort William.

Sir,—Having obtained from the Judicial Department permission to be absent from my station for a couple of months for the recovery of my health, I trust the Hon'ble the Vice President in Council will have no objection to my continuance in charge of the office of Superintendent under arrangements made on a similar occasion last Year to obviate inconvenience from a temporary absence from Moorshedabad.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 4th Septr. 1815. T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[454]

J. Monckton Esqr.,
Acting Chief Political Secretary of Government, Fort William.

Sir,—With reference to the 13th Paragraph of my address of the 19th Ultimo transmitting the annual disbursements of the Nizamut, the error by which an excess of payment appeared to have been made by His Highness the Nawaub in liquidation of his debt to Government, having been discovered, I beg leave to transmit herewith a corrected account to be substituted, in the place of No. 6 which accompanied the report.

Moorshedabad, the 5th September 1815. T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[455]

John Monckton Esqr.,
Actg. Chief Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—The present reference, which I request may be submitted for the early orders of the Hon'ble the Vice President in Council, arises from an objection brought forward by the Collector against the continuance of the payment through this office of the advances required for the discharge of her late Highness the Burrah Begum's Establishments and of the Stipendiaries, who received their allowances for her Dewry, of which the payment since Her Highness's demise has temporarily devolved on the Superintendent.

2. In my correspondence with Government on the concerns & establishments of the late Begum I took occasion to observe that on the proposal to His Highness the Nabob to place the Superintendence of these Mehals under the Walidah Begum, His Highness objected, requesting they might be under my charge until the

final arrangement on the elevation of a Begum to succeed to the rank of the Burrah Begum.

3. The Competition which existed between the Nawaub & the Walidah Begum, rendered an acquiescence in the arrangement proposed the only measure to prevent the umbrage which would have been taken had the Superintendence been left with the Nawaub's consort, or been given up, against the Nawaub's inclination to the Walidah Begum ; whilst the abuses which had been Committed by the Eunuchs, on whom the chief management of these matters during the latter Years of the Burrah Begums life had devolved, rendered it equally necessary to prevent their future interference.

4. The Mehuls under charge of the Burrah Begum were the Rajemahl family represented by Wafed Alli Khan Muddorrut ud Dowlah the nominal head, whose Stipend from Government is distinct from the Nizamut Stipend, the Nawaub Mustapha Khan, the Elder branch of Meerun the son of the Soobah Jaffer Alli Khan, The Nawaub Amed Alli Khan a junior branch of the Same family—and some others of less importance.

5. The Stipends to these families during Her Highness's life time were paid by the Collector on their respective receipts to the Begum's agents, by whom the money was carried to the Begum's Dewry and distributed by her officers to the shares entitled to receive it.

6. From the month of February 1813, being a month after Her Highness's decease the same practise has been observed, with the alteration which circumstances required, that is the receipts of the respective families being altered by the Superintendent the amount was paid by the Collector to the Superintendents Officer & the division to the respective sharers were made at the Superintendents office the Parties receiving the same recording separate receipts.

7. Whatever relates to the payment of her late Highness's establishments & pensions is particularized in my address of the ultimo the sums furnished on this account by the Collector have hitherto been issued under the receipts of the Superintendent, the advance is & by him made over to the Dewan Roy Hurry Sing, who delivers to the Superintendent the particulars of the disbursements made by him.

8. The letters I have had the Honor to transmit on the relative to the affairs of Mustapha Khan and Amed Alli Khan, the heavy debts which had been incurred, from mismanagement, & the abuses rendered the active interposition of the Superintendent of the greatest benefit to the minors and nothing more contributed to the efficiency of this controul than the payment of these Stipends being made by the Superintendent ; but as the parties would have experienced distress pending a reference to Government, I was compelled to yield to the objection of the Collector, & have directed the agents of the Stipendiaries to apply themselves to the Collector for the payment.

9. The Collector has Consented to make one further advance under the Superintendent's receipts for the payment of the Arrears due to the late Begum's establishments, after this requires the orders of Government for the payment of stipends through the Superintendent although he has been informed that the arrangement arose out of circumstances of temporary existence.

10. These Orders I trust will be immediately expedited, as nothing could more tend to Counteract the beneficial effects arising out of the Superintendents Controul than the stop which has so abruptly been put to a Compatiance with his requisitions & which have been with objection of so long Continuance. It is even a matter of serious Consideration towards upholding the efficiency of his authority whether the whole of the Nizamut Stipend ought not to be paid as in former times through the Superintendent, or at any rate possesses the Confidence of Government that the Collector should be rendered subordinate to the Superintendent in the payment of the Stipend instead of having it in his power as at present to Counteract his arrangements.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 8th Sept. 1815.

T. Brooke,
Supt. N. Affairs.

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Acting Chief Secy. to Govt., Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th Ultimo, Communicating disapprobation of the Hon'ble the Vice President in Council to my having granted permission to His Highness the Nawaub proceeding to Rajemehel without awaiting the previous Sanction of the Governor General, whose acquiescence was indispensable, more particularly the object of the Nawabs journey was probably to meet His Lordship at Rajemehl.

2. Permit me to assure the Hon'ble the Vice President that previous to my acquiescence with the Nowab's wishes, the intention it is apprehended he entertained was particularly Guarded against, the Nawab having pledging himself to come back about the time His Lordship was expected to leave Futty Ghur and was actually returned before I left Moorshedabad.

3. The urgency of the Nawabs departure arose for the anxiety of the consort who was particularly anxious to visit some of her relations residing at Rajemahl. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 10th Sept. 1815.

T. Brooke,
S. N. A.

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government in the Political Dept., Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose a letter from His Highness the Nawaub of Bengal addressed to His Excellency the Right Hon'ble the Governor General.

2. The object of the Nawaub's representation is to bring before His Excellency the great distress experienced by the Nizamut from the heavy accumulation of arrear of the Stipend, four months being nearly elapsed without any issue having been made by the Collector, and to entreat that His Excellency will give orders for the discharge of the arrear and direct measures being

taken to prevent the recurrence of the existing inconvenience.

3. Independant of the actual distress which arises to the various classes of Stipendiaries, the discharge of the arrear down to the end of October, is not only necessary for their relief, but would be gratifying to enable the Nawaub to meet the expense incurred in the celebration of the Bucker Eed & the Mohurrum. I trust therefore to be pardoned in earnestly soliciting this application meeting with early attention.—I have etc.

Calcutta, the 28th October 1815.

T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[458]

John Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit congratulatory letters from their Highnesses the Nawaub and the Wahdah Begum addressed to His Excellency the Governor General on occasion of His Lordships safe return to the Presidency.—I have etc.

Calcutta, the 13th November 1815.

Thos. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[459]

John Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government in the Poll. Dept., Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose the Copy of a letter from His Highness the Nawaub, which reports the demise of Mirza Mohamed Hossain Khan one of the Akurbahs, who received a Stipend of 200 Rupees per mensem from the Sheristah Nizamut, & requesting the confirmation of Government to the succession Mirza Alli Cossim, who is I understand his only son, & bound out of this stipend to provide for his relations.

2. The Pension, in the report of the Committee stands in the name of Hossain Raja Khan the father of the deceased, to whom he succeeded ; the proposition of His Highness in favor of Mirza Alli Cossim is unobjectionable.

3. Permit me to avail myself of this occasion to entreat that the orders of His Excellency the Governor General in Council may be obtained on the various claims enumerated in the address I had the Honor to submit on the 11th of March last ; and in Order to obviate in future the distress which the parties experience from the unavoidable delay which must occur before the usual sanction of Government can be obtained, that the Superintendent in all ordinary Cases in which he concurs with His Highness's proposition, be authorized to sanction the arrangement, reporting the same to Government, instead, as at present of waiting the confirmation of Government before any payment is made by the Nizamut Department.—I have etc.

Calcutta, the 13th November 1815.

Thos. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[460]

John Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government in the Poll. Dept., Fort William.

Sir,—At the earnest entreaty of His Highness the Nawaub I presume to renew the application preferred in my letter of the 28th Ultimo, soliciting measures to be taken to enable the Collector to discharge the heavy arrears due to the Nizamut. It is unnecessary to urge the extreme distress experienced by the numerous classes of stipendiaries, & the heavy loss to which they are subjected when Compelled for their support to dispose of their receipts at a most exorbitant rate of discount, I beg however to request that whenever a remittance may be made to the Collector, that he be enjoined not to divert it from it's objects in discharging any other demands on his Treasury, until the existing arrear due to the Nizamut be paid off.—I have etc.

Calcutta, the 13th Nov. 1815.

Thos. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[461]

John Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Govt. in the Poll. Dept., Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit an Arzee to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General from Sait Obi Chund and a letter from the same person to your address.—I have etc.

Calcutta, the 14th Nov. 1815.

Thos. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[462]

John Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Permit me to request the favor of your taking an early opportunity to lay before His Excellency the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council the enclosed two Memoranda, on points relative to the Nizamut Department, on which I trust to be pardoned in presuming urgently to solicit the orders of His Lordship.

The concluding point, in the first memorandum, being personal, I beg leave to add that when circumstances devolved on me the administration to the Estate of the late Burrah Begum, together with the superintendence of her establishments, and the numerous branches of the Nizamut families which had been under her controul, neither the vexatious trouble, nor the period of its continuance was foreseen ; and from the office of Superintendent being gratuitous, I confidently trust my present solicitation will be considered to be one not unfounded in Justice, whilst the mode suggested for remuneration, carrying with it the sanction of the Laws, will I hope also meet the concurrence of the Governor General in Council.—I have etc.

Nizamut Dept., the 23d Nov. 1815.

T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

Enclosure

Memorandum of points relative to the Nizamut on which the Orders of Government are required.

On the demise of the Bubboo Begum, in the year 1809, who enjoyed a stipend from the Nizamut Funds of Rupees 8,000 p. mensem; His late Highness the Nawaub, proposed the distribution of 3,600 Rupees amongst various stipendiaries, and that 4,400 Rupees should be appropriated to the discharge of the Nizamut debt to Government. These arrangements were approved.

On the extinction of the debt to Government the present Nawaub submitted his proposition for the future appropriation of this monthly sum of Rupees 4,400, which had reverted back to the Nizamut funds. His propositions were transmitted to Government on the 25th October 1813.

The Nawaub's propositions were under three heads.

1st. That 600 Rupees a month should be assigned out of it to increase the stipend of his brother Syed Amed Alli Khan, which would place him on footing with his uncle Meer Mungly.

2nd. That one Thousand Rupees should be assigned out of it as a stipend for the provision of his own consort, the Bow Begum.

3rdly. That the residue of Rupees 2,800 should remain as a reserved fund to meet any Extra expences of the Nizamut, incurred by Marriages &ca.

These propositions appear unobjectionable, and in several addresses in which the subject has been adverted to, they have been strongly recommended for confirmation.

The Orders of Government thereon are required.

Other numerous references soliciting the orders of Government on arrangements proposed by the Nawaub on divisions and successions to lapsed stipends were contained in an address to Government dated the 11th March 1815. On all of which the orders of Government were solicited.

Agreeably to the existing system the sanction of Government is required before any similar arrangements can take effect; hence in the delay of transmitting orders claimants to successions of lapsed stipends experience very great distress, to remedy this inconvenience it has been suggested that the Superintendent, whenever he concurs with the proposition of His Highness, do sanction the arrangement, communicating the same to Government and reserving only for the decision of Government such cases in which he may differ with the Nawaub.

The Orders of Government are also required on the address of the 15th April 1814, and renewed in the 16th paragraph of the letter dated the 11th March 1815. Relative to the succession of Roy Kaiwul Kishen to a stipend of 700 Rupees a month which had been conferred on his father Rajah Soonder Sing under a Sunnud of the Nawaub Mobarric ud Dowlah.

The payment of this stipend was ordered by Government to be discontinued after the death of Rajah Soonder Sing.

This order was grounded:

1st. That His Highness had no right to grant stipends issuable from the Nizamut funds.

2nd. That the distressed state of the Nizamut funds, at that period overwhelmed with debt did not admit of the appropriation.

The present Nawaub and the Walidah Begum, the Widow of Maburric ud Dowlah are urgently solicitous that this Pension should be continued to Roy Kaiwul Kishen & the adoption of their proposition is recommended on the ground of the present flourishing state of the Nizamut funds, of which the resources exceed the disbursement.

Miscellaneous

The Superintendent solicits that the orders of Government may be issued on his letters of the 27th June 1813, -- on the 5th July 1813—and on the 25th October 1813.

These letters refer to a practise which has been introduced of Constituting the Superintendent Executor, an arrangement to which he objects. The Superintendent was however compelled to take under his protection the young Begum, named Muriam, for the reasons assigned by him in his letter of the 5th of July; and he has the satisfaction to know that by his arrangements, the Young Begum has been extricated from the heavy debt she had incurred by the mismanagement of her servants.

The great abuses which have been discovered to exist in the management of the Estates of minors brought recently in several instances under the notice of Government, leads to the suggestion that it would be advisable to frame a rule, placing minors under the management of the Superintendent.

The orders of Government are also necessary for the future more regular discharge of the Nizamut Stipend. The Stipend is now suffered frequently to fall from four to five months in arrears, instead of being discharged monthly as it ought to be; hence the greatest distress prevails amongst the numerous classes of Nizamut Stipendiaries, who literally exist from hand to mouth, and who are entitled to the compassionate commiseration of Government.—The payment of the stipend issues direct from the Collector's office to the officers of the Nizamut—and not through the intervention of the Superintendent. The Collector ought therefore to be directed to Communicate to the Superintendent whenever his probable assets are likely to fall short of the demand, that timely representations may be made to remove inconvenience; The Collector ought further to be directed to pay attention to orders issued by the Superintendent relative to any alterations or changes it may be necessary to make in the issue of the stipend, instead of waiting, as at present for orders from Government to whom a previous reference on the most trifling occasions must now be made, which not only obstructs the current business, but lessens the respect due to the station of the Superintendent which is maintained rather from the influence of opinion than the existence of any actual authority. Orders issued by the Superintendent would of course be Communicated to Government, and the Superintendent would be held responsible for their being directed for the interest of the individual and the benefit of the Nizamut.

It may be equally necessary here to remark that with the accounts of the Nizamut the Superintendent has no other concern, than as being the Channel of receiving them annually in abstract from the officers of the

Nizamut, several months after the close of the year, which completely baffles any enquiry into the disbursements & renders Controul nugatory. It is for Government to determine whether it is to continue on this footing, or what checks are hereafter to be introduced.

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to transmit my receipts in duplicate for Sicca Rupees Twenty Thousand required for the discharge of the arrears of the Establishments of her late Highness the Burrah Begum and in Consequence of my absence I request this money may be paid to Roy Hurry Sing the Dewan of her late Highness to whom I have sent my receipts & who will present this letter.—I am etc.

Calcutta, the 27th Nov. 1815. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—The Bearer hereof Poorun Lol the agent of Amed Alli Khan, is furnished with the receipts for Amed Alli Khan's stipend for the months of August, September, October & November of the present year and which he will deliver to your Office on the payment of the stipend now due being made to him.—I am etc.

Calcutta, the 8th Dec. 1815. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I enclose the receipts of the Nawaub Mustapha Khan for his stipend for the months of August, September, October, & November.

Agreeably to the arrangement which subsists, you will be pleased to deduct the sum of Rupees 2,400 from the issue of the stipend on each month as the instalment towards the liquidation of the Nawaub's Debt to Government, for which you will be pleased to send me your receipts in duplicate ; the Balance of the stipend amounts in the four months to 8,000 Rupees you will be pleased to deliver to Juggut Chund the Treasurer of the Court of Appeal & Circuit.—I am etc.

Calcutta, the 8th Decr. 1815. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Juggut Chund, Treasurer of the Court of Appeal and Circuit has been furnished with the receipts of the Nawaub Muddarut ud Dowlah for the amount of the stipend to his family for the months of August, September, October, and November last, & I request you will give orders for the same being paid to him, as formerly, taking from him the receipts for the amount.—I am etc.

Calcutta, the 8th Decr. 1815. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I enclose you the receipts of the Nowaub Muddurud ud Dowlah for the Stipend of his Family for the month of December 1815 Sa. Rs. 6,250 which I request may be sent to this Office.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 8th January 1816. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[468]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I enclose herewith the receipts in duplicate of the Nawaub Mustapha Khan for his Stipend for the month of December last, amounting to 4,400 Rupees.

Of this sum you will be pleased to send to this Office Rs. 2,600 the remainder amount 1,800 is to be retained as the instalment made by the Nawaub for the present month towards the liquidation of his debt to Government and for which you will be pleased to send me your receipts in duplicate.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 11th January 1816. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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Fry. Magniac Esqr.,
Assistant Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I do myself the honor to transmit a letter from His Highness the Nawaub to your address, accompanied with the Copy of one sent to me ; with the merits of the case referred to your Consideration I am wholly unacquainted, but I solicit your enquiry into it, and shall be obliged by your furnishing me with a statement of the result for His Highness's satisfaction.—I am etc.

Nizamut Department, the 20th January 1816. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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Edward Parry Esqr.,
Judge of Zillah Bhaugulpore.

Sir,—I beg leave to send for your information Copy of the proceedings holden under date the 6th Ultimo, on your Persian Roobukarry of the 20th of November

last, relative to the Complaint preferred by Rawhootun Nessa Zemindar of Mouza Delawurpoor.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 26th January 1816.

T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[471]

William Loch Esqr.,
Judge and Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I herewith enclose a letter to your address from His Highness the Nawaub.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 9th February 1816.

T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—The Bearer of this Poorun Lall the agent of Amed Alli Khan, is furnished with the receipts for Amed Alli Khan's Stipend for the months of December 1815 ; and January 1816, which will be delivered to your Office on the payment of the Stipend being made.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 9th February 1816.

T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[473]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I enclose herewith the receipts in duplicate of the Nawaub Mustapha Khan for his Stipend for the month of January last amounting to 4,400 Rupees.

Of this sum you will be pleased to send to this Office Rupees 2,000 the remainder amount 2,400 is to be retained as the instalment made by the Nawaub towards the liquidation of his debt to Government and for which you will be pleased to send me your receipts in duplicate.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 10th February 1816.

T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I enclose you the receipts of the Nawaub Muddurut ud Dowlah for the Stipend of his family for the month of January last Sa. Rs. 6,250 which I request may be sent to this Office.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 12th February 1816.

T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[475]

William Loch Esqr.,
Judge & Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—The examination of a person in the City named Neddoo Lall of Mogultolee formerly Mooktahr of the Nawaub Abul Hossain, relative to Some transactions depending on this Department being necessary, permit me to request the favor of your issuing an order requiring him to attend on me tomorrow morning bringing with him all the accounts and receipts which he holds of the Nawaub Abul Hossain.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 12th February 1816.

T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to transmit my receipts in duplicate for Sicca Rupees twenty Thousand required for the discharge of the arrears of the Establishments of her late Highness the Burrah Begum and which I request may be paid to Roy Hurry Singh the Dewan of her late Highness to whom I have delivered my receipts.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 19th February 1816.

T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[477]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I do myself the pleasure to enclose a letter to your address from His Highness the Nawaub.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 24th February 1816.

T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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H. Douglas Esqr.,
Senior Judge of the Court of Appeal and Circuit, Patna.

Sir,—Permit me to introduce the bearer hereof Moonshee Hezarree Mull who proceeds to Patna on the occasion of the Marriage of his daughter ; any attentions it may be in your power to shew to this person during his stay at Patna would be particularly gratifying to His Highness the Nazim of Bengal, on whose establishment he is Meer Moonshee and in whose welfare His Highness is interested.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 28th February 1816.

T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[479]

E. Parry Esqr.,
Magistrate of Zillah Bhaugulpore.

Sir,—Rajah Oodwunt Sing Behadher and his brother Rajah Jankiram proceeding by water from this City to Purneah, on the occasion of the marriage of the latter, and carrying with them property to a very considerable amount, I have therefore complied with their solicitation in requesting the favor of you to issue orders to your police Darogahs to afford them their particular protection in their progress through your Zillah, and such other marks of attention to which from their rank they may be entitled to receive.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 25th March 1816. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[480]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I enclose the receipts of the Nawaub Mustapha Khan for his stipend for the months of February & March 1816.

Agreeably to the arrangement which subsists, you will be pleased to deduct the sum of Rupees 2,400 from the issue of the stipend on each month as the instalment towards the liquidation of the Nawaub's debt to Government, for which you will be pleased to send me your receipts in Duplicate ; the Balance of the Stipend amounts in the two months to 4,000 Rupees, which I request may be sent to this office.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 6th April 1816. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[481]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I enclose you the receipts of the Nawaub Muddarut ud Dowlah for the stipend of his family for the months of February and March last, Sa. Rs. 12,500 which I request may be sent to this office.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 14th April 1816. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[482]

G. Chester Esqr.,
Commercial Resident at Malda.

Sir,—His Highness the Nawaub of Bengal having agreeably to established custom deputed his Ameen to procure mangoes at Malda has requested me to furnish him with a letter of introduction to you. I beg leave therefore to recommend Mirza Ishmail Beig to your attention and to solicit that any application he may eventually find it necessary to prefer may meet with your early notice.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 19th April 1816. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

W. Braddon Esqr., Joint Magistrate of Maldah [& to the Magistrates of Zillahs Dinagepore & Purneah,] to the same effect and same date.

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William Loch Esqr.,
Acting Judge & Magte. of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I herewith enclose a letter to your address from Nawaub Easoob uddeen Alli Khan.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 20th April 1816. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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Wm. Loch Esqr.,
Acting Judge & Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I herewith enclose a letter to your address from Mirza Golaum Hossain Khan. —I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 20th April 1816. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—The bearer of this Poorun Lall the agent of Amed Alli Khan, is furnished with the receipts for Amed Alli Khan's stipend for the months of February & March 1816 ; which will be delivered to your office on the payment of the Stipend being made.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 20th April 1816. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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F. Magniac Esqr.,
Joint Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I herewith enclose a letter to your address from His Highness the Nawaub.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 27th April 1816. — Thos. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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William Loch Esqr.,
Acting Magistrate of the City of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I had expected that on the receipt of my letter Yesterday, steps would have been immediately taken

not only for the release of His Highness the Nawaub's bearers, and the punishment of the Thannadhar who had dared to seize them, but that a stop would have been put generally to the seizure of bearers by such illegal and unwarrantable measures ; I am however extremely concerned to find from a representation from the Nizamut made by His Highness's orders, that so far from having obtained satisfaction that the whole of your Darogahs are still engaged in seizing the bearers of the Nizamut, so that all intercourse with the Durbar is stopt.

Whatever be your determination on the public exigency of the service which in your opinion may justify this departure from the Regulations of Government, I feel it to be my duty immediately to require the release of every bearer in the service of the Nizamut who may have been seized by your Darogahs & are kept like criminals in durance.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 29th April 1816. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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William Loch Esqr.,
Acting Magistrate of the City of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—A letter from Her Highness the Walidah Begum has this moment been transmitted in which Her Highness complains of the indignity which has been offered her by the Thannadhar of Gundeetullah in seizing and putting into confinement Her Highness's bearers.

The violation of the respect which has invariably been paid by all the public functionaries of Government (whether European or Native) to the rank & dignity of the Nazeem and to Her Highness the Begum requires that you should enter on a Strict enquiry into the conduct of the Thannadhar, the result of which I request may be communicated to this office that it may be submitted to Government. In the meantime I consider it as my duty, unless the bearers have been apprehended under a criminal charge to require their immediate release and that orders be issued by you strictly forbidding your police officers assuming a power so extremely offensive to the feelings & derogatory to the dignity of His Highness as the seizure of persons in His Highness's Establishment under a pretence of the exigency of the public service & which is equally in direct violation of the Regulations established for the protection of the community at large.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 29th April 1816. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

[489]

William Loch Esqr.,
Acting Magistrate of the City of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have not been favoured with an answer to any of the letters I have had the honor to address you from this Department relative to the conduct of your Thannadhars in seizing the bearers of His Highness the Nawaub but from your letter to the senior Judge of the Court of Circuit I am given to understand, that such of the Bearers as belonged to the Nizamut Establishments have been discharged. This however is no sort of satisfaction for the indignity offered to His Highness, nor any security against the repetition of a measure so offensive ; I beg therefore to be informed whether in compliance to my request orders have been issued strictly prohibiting your police officers from the repetition of so wanton an abuse of the authority you may have delegated to them.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 30th April 1816. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I enclose you the receipts of the Nawaub Muddarut ud Dowlah for the stipend of his family for the month of April last, Sa. Rs. 6,250 which I request may be sent to this office.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 13th May 1816. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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Wm. Loch Esqr.,
Acting Judge & Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I herewith enclose a letter to your address from His Highness the Nawaub.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 15th May 1816. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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William Loch Esqr.,
Acting Judge & Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to enclose a letter to your address from Ruhiman nessah Begum, & the sum of Sa. Rs. 488 together with a proceeding of this Department.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 15th May 1816. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to transmit my receipts in duplicate for Sicca Rupees Twenty thousand required for the discharge of the arrears of the Establishments of her late Highness the Burrah Begum and which I request may be paid to Roy Hurry Singh the Dewan of her late Highness to whom I have delivered my Receipts.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 18th May 1816. — T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I enclose herewith the receipts in duplicate of the Nawaub Mustapha Khan for his stipend for the month of April last amounting to 4,400 Rupees.

Of this you will be pleased to send to this office Rupees 2,000 the remainder amount 2,400 is to be retained as the instalment made by the Nawaub towards the liquidation of his debt to Government and for which you will be pleased to send me your receipt in Duplicate. -I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 20th May 1816.

T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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Wm. Loch Esqr.,
Acting Magistrate of City Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23d instant, enclosing one to the His Highness the Nawaub, accompanied by a Copy of your proceedings held on the conduct of Nudufl Alli Darogah of police, against whom His Highness had complained for a most wanton act of indignity offered him by the Darogah seizing bearers in His Highness service, dressed in his livery and actually carrying a palankeen accompanied by Karim Khan a servant of His Highness, who was insulted and the palankeen seized and lodged in the Thannah, whilst the bearers were made prisoners and sent to your office.

These proceedings with your letter to His Highness I beg leave to return, as I must positively decline being made the channel of a communication which seems to add to the indignity, by admitting the charge to be proved and estimating by satisfaction by a fine of Eight Rupees, fixing the price at which the Nawaub may be enabled by a Police Darogah.

The separate Copy of proceedings with which you furnished this office will be handed over to the Court of Circuit, that the Darogah may be proceeded against in conformity to the Regulations.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 24th May 1816.

T. Brooke, *Senior Judge.*

[496]

Henry Moore Esqr.,
Register of the Court of Circuit, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In continuance of my former reference on the oppressives conduct of the Police Darogahs, I beg leave to enclose a Copy of a letter from the Acting Magistrate with the proceeding which accompanied it and the answer for his Office which I request may be laid before the Court of Circuit, with my request that the Court will direct the Darogahs who have been guilty of the outrages complained to be proceeded against according to the Regulations.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, Court of Circuit, the 24th May 1816.

T. Brooke, *Senior Judge.*

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J. Ewer Esqr.,
Judge and Magistrate of Zillah Rajeshahye.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit herewith a Copy of a letter from His Highness the Soobuh of Bengal to my address and a Copy of the representation which was enclosed, by which it appears that from immemorial usage the Buffaloes of the Nizamut have been privileged to graze in certain jills within Rajeshahye, that so long as the ancient Zemindars held possession the servants of His Highness were never molested, but that since the lands have fallen into other hands, the new purchasers have arrogated a power to annul the right, or at least to dispute it, His Highness considers this to be derogatory to his dignity & has applied to me.

Permit me therefore to solicit the favor of your issuing Purwannahs prohibiting the new Zemindars assuming the authority they have ventured to exercise, and to inform them that the Buffaloes of the Nizamut must be allowed to graze as usual and that if they chose to prefer any claim to set aside the privilege it must be preferred in a regular manner.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 31st May 1816.

T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir.—I enclose herewith the receipts in duplicate of the Nawaub Mustapha Khan for his stipend for the month of May last, amounting to 4,400 Rupees.

Of this you will be pleased to send to this office Rupees 2,000, the remainder amount 2,400, is to be retained as the instalment made by the Nawaub towards the liquidation of his debt to Government and for which you will be pleased to send me your receipt in duplicate. —I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 1st June 1816.

T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I enclose you the receipts of the Nawaub Muddarut ud Dowlah for the Stipend of his family for the month of May last Sa. Rs. 6,250 which I request may be sent to this Office.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 3d June 1816.

T. Brooke, *S. N. A.*

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John Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary of Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to transmit an original letter just received from the acting Magistrate of the City.

From an oversight in this office, which arose from my absence from the station, a communication that Roshun ud Dowlah had selected Monghyr for the place of his retirement was omitted to be made to Government.

Of the report made by Mr. Loch I am totally uninformed ; but if it is really the case that Roshun ud Dowlah has proceeded to Lucknow and has experienced the attentions of His Excellency the Vizier, a very favourable change may be presumed in his character and conduct and such perhaps as to entitle him to the pardon of Government, which would be very gratifying to His Highness the Nabob, who has frequently urged me to prefer his solicitation that Roshun ud Dowlah may be permitted to return to Moorshedabad.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 11th June 1816.

T. Brooke,
S. N. A.

Note of the Magistrate's letter dated the 9th of June no Copy was kept, should it be required, the Magistrate can furnish me.

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John Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary of Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a letter from His Highness the Nawaub to the address of His Excellency the Right Hon'ble the Governor preferring a representation against Rajah Oodwant Sing for assuming as His Highness conceives appendages of state and dignity exclusively appropriated to the rank of the Soobah & offensive therefore to His Highness.

2. There is reason to believe the immediate subject of reference to have been exaggerated to His Highness, & with this impression I was desirous to let the circumstances in a proper point of view, but as I am prevented by indisposition from waiting on His Highness who has renewed his request to have his letter forwarded I have felt myself obliged to comply.

3. I beg leave at the same time to add that I have understood the state assumed by the Rajah at which His Highness has taken umbrage was merely temporary on the occasion of the marriage of the Rajah's brother & in the performance of some religious ceremonies after the marriage in the celebration of which & in the magnificence of the parade displayed considerable sums of money were expended.

4. I have had no opportunity to enquire into the particulars of the circumstances which would be necessary were it intended to convey censure for the past nor do I see any way of preventing a recurrence but by the enactment of a regulation, it is only at the station where the Soobah has his residence that any exception could be taken.—I have etc.

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—The Bearer of this Poorun Loll the agent of Amed Alli Khan, is furnished with the receipts for Amed Alli Khan's stipend for the months of April & May 1816 which will be delivered to your office on the payment of the stipend being made.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 12th June 1816.

T. Brooke,
S. N. A.

[503]

John Monckton Esqr.,
Persian Secretary of Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Permit me to correct an error made in the 21 Paragraph of my address of the 11th of March 1815 in which Mahomed Tuckee was stated to be the son of Ashkarree and recommended for the succession to Ashkarree's stipend of 280 Rs. P. Mensem.

Mohobut Alli Khan on whom the stipend was originally fixed, was an illegitimate son of Hybut Jung the father of the Nawaub Seraujud Dowlah, and left two sons, Mahomed Tuckee the eldest and Meer Ashkarree the youngest—and with the concurrence of Mahamed Tuckee the Stipend was recorded in the name of his brother Ashkarree, which is stated in a letter from this office dated the 9th May 1809.

Mahamed Tuckee, on the death of Ashkarree has consented to take charge of his brother's family, his two sons Mahomed Alli and Golaub Abbass, being minors.

The division of the stipend amongst the descendants of Mohobut Alli is amicably adjusted amongst themselves, and on this head no dispute exists ; but they complain of the distress they experience, as without the sanction of Government no issue of the stipend is made by the Nizamut.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 12th June 1816.

T. Brooke,
S. N. A.

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C. Lushington Esqr.,
Acting Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acquaint you, for the information of the Hon'ble the Vice President in Council, that I have received charge of the Office of Agent to the Governor General at this City ; and that I yesterday visited their Highnesses the Nawab, and Walida Begum, to whom I presented the letters which were transmitted to me for this purpose from the Persian Department.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 2nd November 1817.

W. B. Martin,
Ag. Agent Govr. Genl.

[505]

C. Lushington Esqr.,
Acting Secretary to Government in the
Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—His Highness the Nawab having, for the reasons stated in his letter to Mr. Monckton, a translation of which was transmitted together with that Gentleman's letter to Mr. Secretary Adam's address, under date the 19th October 1816, declined purchasing the House which was formerly occupied as a Cutcherry by the Court of Appeal ; I beg leave to request the permission of Government to apply it to the purpose of an office, for the agent of the Governor General at this City.

2. The business of the Agent's office has been hitherto conducted in a house belonging to the Nawab, which is situated in the Killah ; but as His Highness may be occasionally exposed to some inconvenience from its application to this purpose, I have thought it right to suggest the propriety of the removal of the office to the place above proposed.

3. If the Hon'ble the Vice President in Council should be pleased to sanction this arrangement, as the House has been for a considerable period of time unoccupied, some trifling repairs will be necessary to render it available for the intended purpose and I therefore request, that I may be authorised to desire Lt. Colonel Pariby to examine the condition of the building, and to furnish, for the consideration of Government, an estimate of the probable expense of such repairs as may be deemed absolutely necessary.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, W. B. Martin,
the 28th Novr. 1817. *Ag. Agent to the Govr. General.*

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F. LeGros Esqr.,
Commercial Resident at Patna.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter addressed to my Predecessor, Mr. Monckton, which accompanied the dispatch of 1,024 maunds of Saltpetre, for the service of the Nizamut.

2. The receipt which has been furnished by the officers of the Nizamut, and which I have the honor to enclose exhibits a deficiency so considerable in the weight, as inclines me to suspect the existence of some neglect or fraud on the part of the persons appointed to receive it. But, as I do not at present possess the means of instituting the necessary enquiries on the subject, I have thought it better to transmit the receipt without delay, and to reserve, for a future opportunity, the correction of any irregularities, which may be found to exist.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, W. B. Martin,
the 29th Novr. 1817. *Acting Agent Govr. Genl.*

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Charles Lushington Esqr.,
Acting Secretary to Government in the
Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—Conceiving it to be the intention of Government that, for the purpose of maintaining a due control over every branch of the expenditure of the Nizamut, a direct interference should, in every practicable case, be exercised by the Agent of the Governor General at this City ; I think it necessary to refer to the consideration of Government, a question which has been suggested to me by the death of Burkut-oollah, Naib Tuhweeldar of the Nizamut ; in whose place the Nawab is desirous of substituting a person by the name of Kishwur Ulee.

2. This appointment was made known to me only by a letter from His Highness, requesting that I would communicate information of the change to the Collector, and desire him to make his future payments to Kishwur Ulee as successor to the late Burkut-oollah.

3. In order to obviate the delay which would arise from suspending the desired communication to the Collector, until I had made the necessary enquiries into the character and qualifications of Kishwur Ulee, I did not hesitate to manifest an immediate compliance with the Nawab's wish ; and I accordingly requested the Collector to make the established monthly payments to the person selected by His Highness ;—but, adverting to the great responsibility of the trust which is reposed in the Naib Tuhweeldar the duties of which are rendered still more important in consequence of the acknowledged incapacity of the Treasurer, respecting whom I shall hereafter have the honor of addressing you, I consider it to be my duty to suggest to Government the expediency of requiring, that no appointment to offices of trust, in the establishment of the Nizamut, especially such as relate to the charge and disbursement of the funds assigned for its support, be made without a previous communication and concert with the Agent of the Governor General, to whom an opportunity will then be afforded of scrutinizing the merits of the individual proposed, and of reporting to Government his opinion respecting the propriety of the arrangement.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, W. B. Martin,
the 9th Decr. 1817. *Actg. Agent Govr. Genl.*

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C. Lushington Esqr.,
Acting Secretary to Government, Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—To enable the Agent of the Governor General at this City to exercise that degree of controul over the disbursements of the Nizamut, for which, in establishing this office, it seems to have been the intention of Government to provide; I think it my duty to suggest the propriety of an alteration in the mode in which those disbursements have been hitherto effected.

2. According to the existing practice, the established monthly payments are made from the Collector's treasury to the Naib Tuhweeldar of the Nizamut, by whom, agreeably to accounts delivered to him by the heads of each department, the requisite disbursements are effected: Of these accounts no previous audit has been yet established, nor does there at present exist any check whatever on the part of the Agent, either over the detail of these disbursements, or on the fidelity of the treasurer's application of the sums entrusted to him.

3. The abuses to which, in such a state of things, and with officers in general so little scrupulous as those

of the Nizamut, the large expenditure of that establishment is liable, are too obvious to stand in need of exposition ; and with a view to afford to the Agent an opportunity of exercising that direct control over the Treasurer's conduct which is indispensable to the complete attainment of the objects contemplated by his appointment, and which, under the instructions of Government, it becomes his duty to maintain ; I beg leave to recommend that the monthly sums allotted for the support of the Nizamut, be in future paid to the Treasurer on the receipt and under the direct authority of the Agent, to whom also the monthly accounts of each department shall be rendered, and who after examining and collecting them with the prescribed establishments, shall afterwards authenticate them by his signature, and sanction the disbursement of the proper sums.

4. I beg leave also to recommend that the Accounts of each preceding month, be prepared in duplicate, and delivered to the Agent for examination, on or before the 10th of that which follows ; and that after being countersigned by him, one copy of them be delivered to the Dewan of the Nizamut, and another deposited as a record in the Agent's office, for the information of Government.

5. It will further be expedient, that in pursuance of an arrangement which was formerly proposed by Mr. Pattle, and approved by a marginal note which bears the signature of Mr. Edmonstone, the Agent should be required to submit quarterly to Government, instead of annually as heretofore, a detailed report on the Accounts of the Nizamut, accompanied by a full explanation of any circumstances which may have occurred to produce an excess beyond the ordinary scale of expenditure during the quarter, and by a statement exhibiting the amount of the unappropriated funds of the Nizamut, and a summary view of its present resources compared with the disbursements.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 12th Decr. 1817. — W. B. Martin, *Actg. Agent Govr. Genl.*

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C. Lushington Esqr.,
Acting Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—According to a custom which has been long established, the daughters of the Nawab Mobarek-oo-Dowlah, are entitled to a personal allowance of one third of the stipend granted out of the funds of the Nizamut for the support of their husbands. The only exception to this rule has occurred in the case of Mobarek oo Nissa Begum. This lady is married to Yasooboodeen Alli Khan, who, in consequence of his union with her, receives a stipend of 1,000 Rupees per mensem ; out of which, instead of the usual proportion of a third, the allowance of his wife has been hitherto confined to 200 Rupees.

2. Mr. Monckton accordingly suggested to His Highness the Nawab, the propriety of raising the allowance of Mobarek oo Nissa to the established standard, and His Highness having signified his entire concurrence in the proposed arrangement, I beg leave to request, that I may be authorized to carry it into execution.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 10th Jany. 1818. — W. B. Martin, *Actg. Agent Govr. Genl.*

[510]

C. Lushington Esqr.,
Acting Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acquaint you, that His Highness the Nawab has communicated to me information of the decease of Fuzl Alli Khan, who received a pension of 300 Rupees per mensem, under the head of Ukruba in the Serishta Nizamut. His Highness accompanied this communication by a proposition, that the pension should be continued to the family of the late Fuzl Alli Khan, and confirmed in the name of his Eldest son Meer Syyud Ulee. As this arrangement appears to be regular, and liable to no objection, I beg leave to recommend a compliance with His Highness's request.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 22d January 1818. — W. B. Martin, *Actg. Agent Govr. Genl.*

[511]

C. Lushington Esqr.,
Acting Secretary to Government, Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit to you, in obedience to the directions contained in the 4th paragraph of your letter, under date the 24th October 1817, the accompanying copy of a letter and its enclosure, from the Collector, affording the required explanation of the circumstances attending the payment from his Treasury of the mortgaged receipts of Ashrufoo Nissa Begum.

2. With respect to the arrangement proposed in the concluding paragraph of the Collector's letter, I conceive, that, under the existing orders of Government, which render the signature of the Agent to the Governor General necessary to authorize the future payment of receipts from the Collector's Treasury, every requisite security against the recurrence of similar irregularities is provided ; and that consequently no beneficial change would be produced by the alteration in the mode of payment, which the Collector has suggested.

3. I avail myself of the present opportunity to acquaint you, that the propriety of applying these orders to the case of his stipend, has been disputed by the Nawab Dilawur Jung, on the plea, that it is not included in the sum of 16 Lacks of Rupees annually allotted for the support of the Nizamut ; Neither, it may be observed, is the pension of Ashruf-oo-Nissa Begum, with a particular reference to which, the orders of Government were issued ; and as I am aware, that the Nawab's receipts are mortgaged to Rajah Oodwunt Sing, as a security for debts, to a considerable amount, which have been contracted, I am of opinion that the

same considerations which dictated the propriety of issuing those orders, with a view to restrain the heedless extravagance of other stipendiaries, apply with equal force to the case of Dilawur Jung ; and that the salutary check which has been thus established, will ultimately be productive of consequences equally conducive to the future dignity and welfare of his family.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 27th Jany. 1818.

W. B. Martin, *Ag. Agent Govr. General.*

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C. Lushington Esqr.,
Acting Secretary to Government, Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—His Highness the Nawab having applied for permission to proceed to Rajmahul, for the benefit of his health, I am desirous of availing myself of that opportunity, to visit the Presidency for a few days, if the Hon'ble the Vice President in Council should be pleased to allow me.

2. I am induced to prefer this application chiefly on account of my health, which has been lately bad: but an additional motive to it proceeds from my wish of personal communication with the other members of the Committee on Mr. Tyler's claims, respecting some points of the depending enquiry, on which concurrence of opinion is desirable.

3. If the Hon'ble the Vice President in Council should be pleased to grant my request, I imagine, that the absence of the Nawab, and the very short stay which I propose making in Calcutta, will render it unnecessary for me to deliver over Charge of my office to another person ; nor do I apprehend that any inconvenience whatever is likely to be experienced from my absence.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 2d Feby. 1818.

W. B. Martin, *Ag. Agent Govr. Genl.*

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Shearman Bird Esqr.,
Senior Judge of Dacca.

Sir, —I have the honor to enclose a letter to the address of Nawab Shumsoo-Dowlah, which I request you will be pleased to forward to him.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 10 Feby. 1818.

W. B. Martin, *Ag. Agent Govr. Genl.*

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E. Parry Esqr.,
Magistrate of Bhaugalpore.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a Persian letter, which has been addressed to me by the Nawab Madaroo dowlah of Rajmahl, in consequence of some orders which are represented to have been issued under your authority, requiring the Nawab to appoint Chokeydars, for preserving the peace of Syyud Bazar.

2. Not having it in my power to refer to any regulations upon the subject, I can only solicit the favor of your attention to the Nawab's representation ; and request that, if his complaint be well founded, you will have the goodness to redress it.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 7th March 1818.

W. B. Martin, *Ag. Agent Govr. Genl.*

[515]

C. Lushington Esqr.,
Acting Secretary to Government, Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I think it my duty to solicit the instructions of Government upon a subject to which circumstances of recent occurrence have particularly attracted my attention, and respecting which, I am, therefore, desirous of obtaining the necessary orders for the future guidance of my conduct.

2. Since the Nawab has transferred his residence from Furah Bagh, on the opposite bank of the River, to this vicinity of Moorshedabad, His Highness has been in the habit of maintaining an interchange of visits with the Civil and Military officers of Government, without any reference to, or communication with, the Agent of the Governor General at this City.

3. There are no considerations of a political nature which appear to me to render the existence of such an intercourse, in any degree, objectionable or improper ; nor, if it were confined to the principal civil and military officers of Government, do I apprehend that any inconvenience whatever would be likely to result from it. But as it is difficult to ascertain and fix the precise limits within which an intercourse of this nature, if once established, ought to be restricted, opportunities of introduction to the Nawab may be sometimes afforded to persons, whose only object is the accomplishment of some interested purpose which they have in view, and to the prosecution and success of which, peculiar facilities are, at present, afforded, as well by the character and habits of the Nawab, as by the want of any settled rule of conduct for the Agent's guidance, in regulating the intercourse of Europeans with His Highness.

4. In order to evince the propriety of establishing some rule of this nature, it may be necessary to mention, that the Nawab was recently exposed to some embarrassment from the communication to His Highness of an intention on the part of a gentleman, who was building a large house in the neighbourhood, and who was unexpectedly compelled to leave it in a unfinished state, to abandon the property to His Highness, and to accept, in exchange for it, such compensation as he might be generously disposed to grant. This communication, it is obvious, could only have arisen out of former transactions which had passed between the parties ; and, although the Nawab had recourse to my advice on the occasion, yet I am of opinion that, in order to obviate the recurrence of similar inconveniences, as well as to prevent indignities, to which His Highness might be otherwise eventually exposed, it will be advisable to

suggest to His Highness the propriety of submitting his conduct, in this respect, to the guidance of the Agent, and of being directed by his advice in regulating his intercourse with European gentlemen.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 7th March 1818.

W. B. Martin, *Actg. Agent Govr. Genl.*

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C. Lushington, Esqr.,
Acting Secretary to Government, Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, under date the 9th January ; and to transmit to you the plans and estimate for the buildings proposed to be erected for the Walida Begum, which have been corrected and revised by Colonel Parlby, in obedience to the orders conveyed in your letter, and conformably to the instructions of the Military Board.

2. A Copy of the letter which has been addressed to me by Colonel Parlby, together with a copy of the explanatory observations referred to in the last paragraph, accompany this dispatch.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 14th March 1818.

W. B. Martin, *Ag. Agent Govr. Genl.*

[517]

C. Lushington Esqr.,
Acting Secretary to Government, Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acquaint you, that His Highness the Nawab has reported the death of Bakir Ulee Khan, and of his sister, Koolsoom Begum, who received pensions from the Nizamut, the former of Sa.Rs. 325, and the latter of Sa.Rs. 66 per mensem.

2. Bakir Ulee Khan and Koolsoom Begum having died without issue, His Highness has suggested the propriety of continuing the pensions which they enjoyed, in the joint names of Fatima Begum, the widow of Bakir Ulee Khan, and of his Nephews, Nowazish Ulee Khan and Nowazish Mohummud Khan.

3. The pension of Sa. Rs. 325 per mensem, which the late Bakir Ulee Khan received from the Nizamut, having been conferred on him in preference to the sons of his eldest Brother Aluar Khan, by whom it was before held, I am of opinion, that it will be equitable to take the present opportunity of restoring it to Nowazish Ulee Khan and Nowazish Mohummud Khan, the lineal descendants of the family.

4. Instead, however, of conferring the joint amount of both pensions indiscriminately on the widow and Nephews of the deceased, as proposed by the Nawab, I beg leave to recommend that a separate allowance of Sa. Rs. 66 per mensem, corresponding to the amount of that lately enjoyed by Koolsoom Begum, be granted to the widow Fatima Begum ; by which arrangement all future disputes respecting the mode of distribution are likely to be obviated.

5. Beside the pension of 325 Rupees above stated, Bakir Ulee Khan received from the Nizamut a monthly payment of Sa. Rs. 14 which was originally granted in aid of the expense attending his education when a minor ; and although the Nawab has recommended the continuance of this payment to his Nephews, yet as it can no longer be applied to the purpose for which it was before given, I am of opinion that it will now be proper to resume it.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 14th March 1818.

W. B. Martin, *Ag. Agent Govr. Genl.*

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C. Lushington Esqr.,
Acting Secretary to Government, Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—From the stipend of Sa. Rs. 500 per mensem, received by Jigree Begum, a daughter of Mobarek oo Dowlah, in right of her late husband Sekunder Ally Khan the sum of Sa. Rs. 50 was allotted for the maintenance of his natural son Syyud Hussun Ally, who died about two years ago, leaving a Munkooah widow and two concubines, who are represented by the Nawab to be in circumstances of great distress, and to whom His Highness is accordingly desirous, that the pension formerly assigned for the support of the late Syyud Hussun Ally, should be continued.

2. As this representation is confirmed by the testimony of Jigree Begum, from whose stipend the pension in question was deducted ; and as the proposed arrangement seems to be, in other respects, liable to no objection ; I beg leave to recommend that I may be authorized to carry it into execution, and to direct that the arrears which have accumulated, and which are still in deposit, may be granted to them for the liquidation of a debt, amounting to Sa. Rs. 500, which they have contracted.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 25th March 1818.

W. B. Martin, *Ag. Agent Govr. Genl.*

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The Magistrate of Rajeshahye.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a letter to your address from His Highness the Nawab of Bengal ; and also the copy of a petition which has been addressed to His Highness, relative to some Buffaloes belonging to the Nizamut, which are represented to have been forcibly taken away from their keepers by certain inhabitants of the district, under your charge.

2. If the representation of the petitioners should be well founded, I am persuaded, that you will not hesitate to afford to them such redress, as the circumstances of the case may appear to you to require.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 26th March 1818.

W. B. Martin, *Ag. Agent Govr. Genl.*

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H. Money Esqr.,
Collector of Dinagepore.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a Persian letter, which has been addressed to me by His Highness the Nawab of Bengal ; and also a copy of the petition to which it refers ; and to request, that you will have the goodness to pay such attention to it, as the circumstances of the case may appear to you to require.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 26th March 1818. — Wm. Byam Martin, *Ag. Agent Govr. Genl.*

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G. Suttie Esqr.,
Collector of Purnea.

Sir,—His Highness the Nawab of Bengal having solicited a letter of introduction for Meer Mohummud Ulee, who is related to the Nazim's family, and who is proceeding to Purnea. I have complied with His Highness's request, and have accordingly the honor to introduce him to your notice.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 30th March 1818. — Wm. Byam Martin, *Ag. Agent Govr. Genl.*

The same to S. Bird, Junr. Esqr., Judge of Purnea.

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The Magistrate of Rajshahye.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter, addressed to me by His Highness the Nawab of Bengal ; together with a copy of the Petition to which it refers ; and to request, that you will take such notice of it, as the circumstances of the case may appear to you to require.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 30th March 1818. — Wm. Byam Martin, *Ag. Agent Govr. Genl.*

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C. Lushington Esqr.,
Acting Secretary to Government, Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acquaint you, for the information of the Hon'ble the Vice President in Council, that His Highness the Nawab of Bengal has reported the death of Jhubba Begum, who received a stipend of Sa. Rs. 28 per mensem, under the head of Akruba, from the Behla department of the Nizamut.

2. Jhubba Begum has left an only daughter Jennutoon Nissa Begum, to whom His Highness is desirous that the pension enjoyed by her Mother, should be continued ; and as this arrangement is conformable to established usage, and appears to be liable to no objection ; I beg leave to recommend a compliance with His Highness's request.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 6th April 1818. — W. B. Martin, *Ag. Agent Govr. Genl.*

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N. McLeod Esqr.,
Judge of Rungpore.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter which has been addressed to me by His Highness the Nawab of Bengal, together with a copy of the petition to which it refers ; and, if the circumstances represented in the petition to His Highness be true, I trust, that you will adopt such measures for reestablishing the Pattahdar in the land, of which he has been illegally dispossessed, as you may judge necessary and proper.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 8th April 1818. — W. B. Martin, *Actg. Agent Govr. Genl.*

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M. Lumsden Esqr.,
Clerk to the Committee of Stationery.

Sir,—My Predecessor's letter, under date the 31st October 1817, will have apprized you of the probable necessity which I should be under of applying for some additional articles of stationery required for the use of this office ; I have accordingly the honor to enclose a list of those of which I stand in need ; and I request, that you will have the goodness to obtain the necessary orders for their being furnished, as soon as possible.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 23rd April 1818. — W. B. Martin, *Actg. Agent Govr. Genl.*

List of Articles of Stationery required for the use of the Agents Office, for the present year.

1 ream of Foolscap Paper
1 box of Wafers
6 Pencils
6 ps. of Tape
1 quire of Blotting paper
12 sticks of Sealing Wax

Moorshedabad, the 23rd April 1818. — W. B. Martin, *Ag. Agent Govr. Genl.*

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G. Chester Esqr.,
Commercial Resident at Maldah.

Sir,—His Highness the Nawab having deputed his Darogah Mirza Nessar Hosein, as has been annually customary, to procure Mangoes at Maldah, has desired me to furnish the Darogah with this letter and to request

your attention to any application he may eventually find it necessary to prefer to you.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 13th May 1818. W. B. Martin, *Actg. Agent Govr. Genl.*

The same to Wm. Lambert, Esqr., Joint Magistrate of Maldah.
Ditto to E. Maxwell Esqr., Magistrate of Dinagepore.
Ditto to S. Bird, Junr. Esqr., Magistrate of Purneah.

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Lieutt. Colonel Parlby &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter addressed to me by the Acting Persian Secretary to Government, together with copies of the enclosures to which it refers, and also the revised estimates and plans of the buildings proposed to be erected for the Walida Begum ; and I request, that you will be pleased to furnish, with as little delay as may be practicable, an amended estimate, as well as to supply the additional information which is required by the Military Board.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 23rd May 1818. W. B. Martin, *Actg. Agent Govr. Genl.*

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S. Bird Esqr.,
Senior Judge of Dacca.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose the accompanying letter to the address of the Nawab Shumsoo Dowlah.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 30th May 1818. W. B. Martin, *Actg. Agent Govr. Genl.*

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W. W. Bird Esqr.,
Judge of Benares.

Sir,—Mohummed Ally, the son of the late Nawab Roostum Jung, having requested me to furnish Mirza Khadim Ally, who is proceeding in the capacity of his Agent to Benares, with a letter of introduction to you, I have thought it right to comply his request.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 1st June 1818. W. B. Martin, *Actg. Agent Govr. Genl.*

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W. T. Smith Esqr.,
Senior Judge &ca. &ca., Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 29th ultimo ; and to send Wahid Ally, the person whose evidence is required by the Court of Appeal.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 1st June 1818. W. B. Martin, *Acting Agent Govr. Genl.*

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C. Dawes Esqr.,
Judge of Nattore, Rajshahey.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter addressed to me by His Highness the Nawab of Bengal together with a copy of the petition to which it refers ; and although I am sorry to trouble you again on the subject of the Buffaloes belonging to the Nizamut, which are represented to have been illegally seized, yet as His Highness is anxious that the decree, which is said to have been passed in favor of Gource Ghose for the number of eleven Buffaloes, should be carried into execution, I have considered it to be incumbent on me to request your attention to the subject.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 5th June 1818. W. B. Martin, *Ag. Agent Govr. Genl.*

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W. T. Smith Esqr.,
Senior Judge of the Court of Appeal, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—The treasurer of your Court being a subscribing witness to the bill of sale, of Champahpokur, the property of which is at present contested by the Nazim and his Brother ; I shall feel much obliged to you, if you will have the goodness to permit him to attend at my office, for the purpose of answering such questions as it may be deemed proper to put to him, relative to the execution of that deed.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 30th June 1818. W. B. Martin, *Actg. Agent Govr. Genl.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Resident at Lucknow.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit the accompanying letter to your address from His Highness the Nawab of Bengal.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 17th July 1818. W. B. Martin, *Ag. Agent Govr. Genl.*

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R. Chamberlain Esqr.,
Secretary to the Board of Commissioners in Behar and Benares, Zillah Shahabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your two letters, dated the 3rd April and 17th Instant ; and to acquaint you in reply, that the officers of the

Nizamut have in vain endeavoured to ascertain from the Records, any information which is at all calculated to verify the authenticity of the document referred to in your former letter. Neither are they able to furnish any forms agreeably to which Sunnuds of the description adverted to, were formerly granted by the Nazims of Bengal.

2. Enclosed I have the honor to return the Sunnud which accompanied your letter.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 30th July 1818. — W. B. Martin, *Actg. Agent Govr. Genl.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Resident at Lucknow.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit to you a letter from Roze Ufzoo Khan, the Nazir of the Walida Begum, enclosing two Bank-notes for the sum of Sa. Rs. 300, for the Nawab Rufee-oo Dowlah.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 7th Augt. 1818. — W. B. Martin, *Ag. Agent Govr. Genl.*

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J. W. Paxton Esqr.,
Collector of Customs at Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to acquaint you, that Her Highness the Walida Begum has represented to me that some bales of cloths imported for the service of her household, have been stopped at the Custom House, and duties demanded on their importation.

2. I believe that it is the wish, and has hitherto been the practice of Government to exempt Cloths imported for the use of the Nazim and principal Begum of the Nizamut, from the payment of the established duty. I do not, however, know that this exemption has been either provided for by any legislative enactment, or that any specific orders have been issued to the Collector of Customs on the subject. But I have the pleasure to enclose the copies of two letters which, in consequence of a former representation, under similar circumstances, from the Superintendent of Nizamut Affairs, were addressed to that officer and to the Board of Trade ; and I request, that, if, upon a consideration of those documents, it should not appear to you to be consistent with your duty to release the bales belonging to the Walida Begum, you will have the goodness to acquaint me, in order that the subject may be again brought under the notice of Government.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 24th Novr. 1818. — W. B. Martin, *A. A. G. G.*

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J. W. Paxton Esqr.,
Collector of Customs at Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 25th Instant, the substance of which I communicated to Her Highness the Walida Begum, who assures me in reply, that the following cloths belonging to her, have been stopped at the Custom House, and duties demanded on them ;

300 pieces Gool Mulmul
51 do. Malda
15 do. Cossahs

These clothes are stated by Her Highness to be packed in four bales, which have been for two months detained by the officers of the Government Custom House.

2. A copy of the Walida Begum's letter to me is enclosed for your information ; and Her Highness's Treasurer Kulloo Mul, has been directed to wait upon you with this letter, in order that he may afford you any information on the subject which you may desire. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 28th Novr. 1818. — W. B. Martin, *A. A. G. G.*

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J. W. Paxton Esqr.,
Collector of Customs, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 30th ultimo, together with its enclosures.

2. Kulloo Mul is in the private service of Her Highness the Walida Begum ; and is the person whom she employs to supply the Cloths which are required for the several Deuries, under Her Highness's charge. In order to explain the nature of this employment, it may be necessary to state that, according to a Custom long established in the Nizamut, one branch of its resources is applied to the purchase of certain descriptions of Cloths, which are distributed periodically among the ladies of the several families maintained by it. Those families are placed under the superintendence of the principal Begum of the Nizamut, whose duty it accordingly becomes to provide the cloths required for this purpose. This provision is generally made through the agency of one of the officers of her establishment, who effects the necessary purchases of the Cloths at the places where they are procurable ; and although it appears that Kulloo Mul has been, very improperly, in the habit of dealing in Cloths himself, and has accordingly had transactions with other merchants ; yet as those lately imported, correspond exactly to the descriptions which are prescribed for distribution to the Deuries, I have no doubt that entire confidence may be reposed in the truth of the Walida Begum's assurance of the purpose to which they were destined.

3. It may be proper to observe, that the application from Kulloo Mul, of which a copy was enclosed in your letter, does not bear the signature of that individual, but of Kishen Mungul, who is presented to me to be one of those persons, who are usually stationed at the several public offices, in the capacity of a Mokhtar ; but to whom Kulloo Mul denies that he has ever delegated the requisite authority for this purpose. There is however an obvious impropriety in Kulloo Mul's uniting in his own person two capacities, which ought to be kept quite

distinct, and which, by their confusion, may subject Government to imposition, in consequence of the difficulty which it will create in distinguishing Cloths belonging to himself, from such as are imported on account of the Walida Begum ; and I have accordingly addressed a letter to Her Highness, pointing out this impropriety, and requesting her either to insist on Kulloo Mul's confining himself in future to the discharge of his duties as her servant, or to substitute another person, totally unconnected with any mercantile pursuits whatever ; or at least with such, as relate to the purchase of Cloths.

4. Under present circumstances, I think that the declaration of the Walida Begum may be so far confided in, as to justify a belief, that the Cloths are really intended for her use ; and, if you should concur with me in this opinion, I trust that you will have no objection to authorize their release.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 5th Decr. 1818. — W. B. Martin, *A. A. G. G.*

[539]

J. W. Paxton Esqr.,
Collector of Customs, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a letter to your address from Her Highness the Walida Begum.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 16th Decr. 1818. — W. B. Martin, *A. A. G. G.*

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J. Ahmuty Esqr.,
2nd Judge of the Court of Appeal at Dacca.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, under date the 2nd December, together with its enclosure ; and to transmit to you the enclosed letter to the address of the Nawab Shumsoo Doula, containing the receipt of Megray Baboo, for the sum of Sa. Rs. 18,200 ; being the amount of the draft transmitted in your letter, and also of the established allowance for Winter Clothing on account of the Nawab, for the Current year 1225.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 19th December 1818. — W. B. Martin, *A. A. G. G.*

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Captain Tod &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, and I regret exceedingly that the conduct of the troopers who accompanied the Nawab, should have been guilty of the very disrespectful and improper conduct, which you have represented.

I will make an immediate communication to His Highness on the subject of your letter ; and I am satisfied that the Nawab will be disposed to inflict such punishment on the persons, of whose conduct you have complained, as shall effectually prevent the recurrence of similar indignities.

I shall hereafter have the honor of making known to you the result of my communication to the Nawab.

Moorshedabad, the 25th Decr. 1818. — W. B. Martin, *A. A. G. G.*

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J. Battye Esqr.,
Postmaster at Bhaugulpore.

Sir,—His Highness the Nazim of Bengal is about to proceed to Monghyr, for change of Air, and it being necessary that an arrangement should be formed for maintaining a correspondence with His Highness, during his absence ; I request that you will be pleased to issue such orders for the purpose, as you may deem necessary. —I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 2nd January 1819. — M. Ricketts, *A. A. G. G.*

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Captain Tod.

Sir,—In continuation of Mr. Martin's letter to you, under date the 25th Ultimo, I have now the pleasure to inform you, that H. H. the Nawab has written to me, expressing his surprise and extreme regret that his servants conducted themselves in the very improper manner towards you (as stated in your letter to the Acting Agent of the Governor General) ; that they have been severely reprimanded ; and such injunctions given to all his people, as will prevent a similar occurrence ever again taking place.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 2d Jany. 1819. — M. Ricketts, *A. A. G. G.*

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J. Battye Esqr.,
Collector of Bhaugulpore.

Sir,—Agreeably to the request contained in Mr. Steer's letter to the address of the late Acting Agent of the Governor General, under date the 20th January 1818, I called upon His Highness the Nawab for the papers therein mentioned, and I now have the pleasure to forward Copies of them to you, together with a copy of His Highness's letter.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 5th Jany. 1819. — M. Ricketts, *A. A. G. G.*

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L. F. Irvine Esqr.,
Acting Secy. to Calcutta School Book Society.

Dear Sir,—I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th Ultimo, and to inform you that His Highness the Nawab of Moorshedabad has received a copy of the Qamoos ; and a copy of his reply to my address to him on the subject, in which he returns his thanks for the favor conferred, is enclosed.

2. To Rajah Oodwunt Sing I have, agreeably to your request, returned the thanks of the Society, for his handsome donation.

3. On a reference to Nawab Soulut Jung, I find some mistake has occurred, as he has paid the amount of his subscription in 1817 viz. 50 Sa. Rs. and shewed me the receipt of E. Mackintosh, Junior, for the amount, under date the 10th of June 1817. The Nawab states that he paid the money to the late Coll. Fleming ; and that he also put his name down as an annual Subscriber of 20 Rs. ; which sum he is ready to pay when the usual receipt is given to him. A copy of his reply to my address is enclosed.

4. If you will favor me with the parcel of Books you allude to, I shall be happy to do all in my power, to forward the views of the Society.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 6th Jany. 1819.

M. Ricketts,
A. A. G. G.

P.S.—The Bill enclosed in your letter is returned.

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M. Lumsden Esqr.,
Clerk to the Committee of Stationery, Calcutta.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to enclose you the Account of the Stationery of this office, drawn out in the required form.

I shall be obliged by your forwarding the required quantity by Dawk Banghy, as soon as practicable.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 7th Jany. 1819.

M. Ricketts,
A. A. G. G.

Enclosure

Return of Stationery Expended, and Remaining on the 31st Decr. 1818 and Exhibiting the quantity required for 1819

	Balance remg. 9th Decr. 1817	Received in May 1818	Total	Expended from the 9th Decr./17 to 31st Decr. 1818	Balance remg. 31st Decr. 1818	Quantity reqd. for 1819
Tape	..	6	6	4	2	12 Bundles Persn. & Eng. Dept.
Demy Paper	28 qr.	..	28	14½	13½	..
Consultation	13	..	13	2/19	10/5	..
Folio Post	1	..	1	1	..	Half a ream
Foolscap	1½	1 ream	21½	11½	10	Half a ream
Slice	1	..	1	lost	..	2
Hones	2	..	2	..	2	..
Straps	2	..	2 } (illegible)	..	..	3
Pen knives	2	..	2 }	..	..	6
Leaden Inkstands	3	..	3	..	3	..
Glass Inkstands	2	..	2	..	2	..
Sealing wax	19 sticks	12	31	29	2	36 sticks
Scissors	1	..	1	..	1	1 smaller
Compasses	1	..	1	..	1	..
Rulers	3	..	3	..	3	..
Wafers	1 box	1	2	2 boxes	..	2 boxes
Marble paper	21 sheets	..	21	21	..	one quire
Blotting do.	16 ,,	1 qr.	40	24	16	One quire
Black Inkpowder	14 papers	..	14	8	6	6 papers
Red do.	2	..	2	1	1	1 ,,
Boards	7 sh.	..	7	6	1	6 sh.
Indian Rubber	2 bottles	..	2	½	1½	,,
Pencils	2	6	8	7	1	12
Quills	1,000	..	1,000	223	777	,,

Moorshedabad,
the 7th Jany. 1819.

M. Ricketts,
A. A. G. G.

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G. LeCerf Esqr.

Sir,—I addressed Meer Mahommed Mehendy on the subject of your letter of the 9th Instant, and have now the pleasure to send the amount due to you, viz. Sa. Rs. 30/ I beg that you will return me your receipt for the sum from Meer Mahommed Mehendee, to whom I will forward it, as well as his acknowledgement which I have kept for that purpose.—Yours etc.

Moorshedabad, the 11th Jany. 1819.

M. Ricketts, *A. A. G. G.*

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J. W. Paxton Esqr.,
Collector Govt. Customs, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Her Highness the Walida Begum has addressed me respecting the Cloths detained by you at the Custom house. I beg to know, therefore, in reference to the correspondence with you respecting them with the late Acting Agent, in November and December last, whether you have yet received from Government any directions on the subject.—I am etc.

Office of Agent Govr. Genl.
Moorshedabad, the 28th Jany. 1819.

Mordt. Ricketts, *A. A. G. G.*

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J. Russell Esqr.,
Rajmahal.

Dear Sir,—I have just received yours of the 26th & hasten to express my regret at the circumstance which caused it, and to prevent a similar occurrence in future.

If you will send the enclosed as directed, the head Eunuch of His Highness's Begums, will send the Darogah to you, and will deliver up the offenders, if they can be pointed out, and make good whatever property has been destroyed.

On His Highness's return, I will make known to him your wish to see him ; & I assure you that it annoys him much whenever his servants commit depredations, and that he punishes them severely. However with so many followers it is impossible to keep the whole in order.

You will be good enough to give Meer Behador Ally a chair, and to receive him kindly & should he have any complaints to make against your servants, you will take that notice of them, you deem proper.

The Begums will remain at Raje Mehal until His Highness's return ; and I shall be obliged by your assisting them, should your interference be ever required. —Yours etc.

Moorshedabad, the 29th Jany. 1819.

Mordt. Ricketts.

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J. W. Paxton Esqr.,
Collector Govt. Customs, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In consequence of your letter of the 29th Ultimo, I informed Her Highness the Walida Begum that, on application being made at your office, the Cloths would be released. I have just heard from Her Highness that you offer to give up those referred to in your correspondence with the Board of Revenue, but refuse to release the remainder.

2. If the Cloths you still attach, were detained under circumstances similar to those which caused the Question on the first dispatch, the decision of Government is applicable to them also ; and you will not, I conclude, deem another reference necessary ; for the future, arrangements will be made for the transit of the Cloths for Her Highness, which will hereafter be communicated to you.—I am etc.

Office of Agent Govr. Genl., Moorshedabad, the 6th Feby. 1819.

Mordt. Ricketts, *Agent Govr. Genl.*

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Lt. Coll. Parlby,
Berhampore.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 23rd July last, with its enclosures, to the late Acting Agent, I have now the pleasure to send you copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Military Board, to the Secretary to Government in the Military Department ; and request you will inform me whether it will be in your power to undertake the work, and to conduct it in the manner stated in Captain Brownrigg's letter: and any further observations which you may wish to make, you will be good enough to state.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 6th Feby. 1819.

Mordaunt Ricketts, *Agent Govr. Genl.*

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Lt. Col. Smith,
Commanding at Berhampore,

Sir,—It is deemed advisable that a Guard should be stationed at the Office under my charge for the protection of the Records &ca. &ca. of Government, and I am directed by the Governor General in Council to apply to you for one ; I request therefore that you will have the goodness to order out to Nishaut Baug, a guard of the strength you may deem necessary.—I am etc.

Office of Agent Govr. Genl., Moorshedabad, the 13th Feby. 1819.

M. Ricketts, *Agent Govr. Genl.*

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J. Russell Esqr.,
Rajmahl.

Sir,—I regret extremely that a second reference regarding the outrage committed by H. Highness's

servants in your Factory at Rajmahl, has been necessary.

If H. H. had been at Rajmahl every redress would, I am sure, have instantly been made, I now send a second order to Meer Mohummud Sahib, and if he does not wait upon you, and attend to your wishes, he will be removed from his situation. I beg you will let me know what steps are taken by Meer Mohd. Sahib.—Yours etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 13th Feby. 1819. M. Ricketts.

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J. W. Paxton Esqr.,
Collector of Govt. Customs, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Sajid Ally the Mokhtar of Her Highness the Walida Begum will present you this, and if on an examination with the enclosed List, the Cloths detained by you correspond with it, you will be good enough to deliver them to him.

2nd. In future whenever Her Highness may issue orders for the supply of Cloths for the use of the household, you will be informed thro' me of the name of the person employed by her on this duty, & be furnished with a list, for comparison with the despatch when it arrives at your Custom house.—I am etc.

Office of Agent Govr. Genl.,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 24th Feby. 1819. *A. G. G.*

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J. Russell Esqr.,
Rajmahl.

Sir,—I have received yours of the 20th and regret to find, that redress has not yet been given to you. I have now written to His Highness the Nawab on the subject, and wait the result of what may occur when he arrives at Rajmahl.

I should recommend your having an interview with His Highness, and the enclosed intimates to him that you will call.—Yours etc.

M. Ricketts,
the 25th Feby. 1819. *A. G. G.*

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Lt. Coll. Parlby, &ca. &ca.,
Berhampore.

Sir,—I shall lose no time in communicating to His Excellency the Governor General in Council your consent, as intimated in your letter of the 23rd Instant, to undertake the erection of the Buildings for the Walida Begum, and to conduct the work in the Manner stated in Captain Brownrigg's letter ; and as it is advisable to prevent further delays, I consider myself at liberty to comply with your request for an advance of 6,000 Rupees.

2nd. Her Highness the Walida Begum has been informed of your suggestion to substitute arcaded Verandahs of Brickwork, for the carved Wood Work originally designed, and is fully aware of the Superiority of masonry, but has got an idea that arched Verandahs are inconsistent with the grandeur of a palace, however I should suppose that if the arcades are ornamented & shaped in the style of Native Buildings, Her Highness will approve of the proposed alteration ; may I therefore beg the favor of you, to furnish me, in order to show to the Walida Begum, with a plan & elevation of the arcade you recommend, finished in the manner suggested.

3rd. You will, I conclude, immediately commence the primary & indispensable work of clearing away the ruins of the former buildings, and levelling the space required—the rubbish can be conveyed direct to the banks of the River ; but whether the Nazim will consent to the Boats coming to and landing the materials for the New Buildings at the Ghaut near the Aynah Mehal, to be conveyed from thence on wheel carriages, cannot be determined until His Highness returns to Moorshedabad ; but I have little doubt that if H. H.'s road to and from his residence is not obstructed, and strict attention is paid to the prevention of all altercations, his consent will be cheerfully given to an arrangement which is to facilitate the completion of a work, so calculated to add to the consequence of his Family, and to the comforts of the Walida Begum.—I am etc.

Office of Agent Govr. Genl.,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 25th Feby. 1819. *Agent Govr. Genl.*

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Lt. White.

Dear Sir,—The Nuwab Nusseeroodeen Hyder is in Calcutta. I would therefore recommend your stating the particulars to me, the sums received, the amount still due, &ca. when I will communicate with the Nawab on the subject, and inform you of the result.—I am etc.

the 4th March 1819. M. Ricketts.

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Lt. Wm. White, &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I will immediately address the Newab Nusseer Oodeen Hyder on the subjects mentioned in your letter of the 7th Instant, and inform you of the result ; I have the pleasure to return you the note of hand of which I have taken a copy.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 9th March 1819. *Agent Govr. Genl.*

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H. A. Williams Esqr.,
Commercial Resident, Malda.

Sir,—Mirza Nissar Hosein a Darogah of His Highness the Newaub, has presented a petition, copy of which is

enclosed, informing me that you have, notwithstanding his remonstrances, made grafts on two Mangoe Trees, by name Umrit Bough and Kirsah Pattee ; and that you intend taking those grafts when ready, which will injure the Trees ; However mistaken he may be as to the causing injury to the Trees, yet as they are the property of His Highness the Newaub, and he does not chuse to allow grafts being taken, I must request that you will be good enough to refrain from insisting on so doing.—I am etc.

Office of Agent Govr. Genl.,
Moorshedabad, Mordt. Ricketts,
the 19th March 1819. *Agent Govr. Genl.*

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C. T. Metcalfe Esqr.,
Secretary to Government, Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I request the favor of you to submit for the consideration and decision of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council, whether or not all matters of a political nature at this station should be carried on thro' the channel of the Governor General's Agent.

2nd. I am induced to make this reference from the circumstance of Agents residing here on the part of the French and Dutch Governments ; they have since their arrival corresponded with Government ; thro' the medium of the Judge and Magistrate ; but now that an Agent on the part of the Governor General is settled here, and as the references of these Foreign Residents are, I conclude, deemed purely political, His Lordship in Council may consider it both advisable and consistent with the appointment, that they should, as the native Gentlemen do, both belonging to and independant of the Nizamut, correspond with Government thro' the Agent of the Governor General.

3d. From the manner in which the Agent's allowances are defrayed, I should, had I been denominated "Superintendent of Nizamut Affairs," have concluded my duties were exclusively confined to the business of the Nizamut, but from the designation of "Agent to the Governor General," and all native political matters independant of the Nizamut, being carried on thro' me, they may be intended to extend to those also with European authority.—I have etc.

Office of Agent Govr. Genl.,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 19th March 1819. *A. G. G.*

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J. Russell Esqr.,
Rajmahl.

Sir,—I am very much surprized at what you mention in yours of the 17th Instant. I have again addressed His Highness, and if you are still denied an interview, and no reparation for the injury you have sustained, offered, I request that you will write to me fully the actual outrages committed, the loss, &ca. and reference will be made to Government.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 20th March 1819. *A. G. G.*

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E. S. Montague Esqr.,
Corresponding Secretary of the Calcutta School Book Society.

Sir,—The Copy of the Heydiah sent to me by the Society for the Nuwab Shumsood Dowlah of Dacca was forwarded to him, and I have now the pleasure to enclose copy of a letter from that Gentleman to my address, expressing his acknowledgements to the Society for their very handsome present.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 3rd April 1819. *Agent Govr. Genl.*

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W. Lambert Esqr.,
Joint Magistrate, Malda.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose you copy of a Petition from Mirza Nissar Hosein, a Darogah of His Highness the Nazim's, stating amongst other Complaints, that the Police Officers at Malda prevent his putting the usual marks on the Mangoe Trees, the fruit of which when ripe is to be purchased for the Nazim. It is unnecessary I am sure to request you to give every protection and assistance in your power to His Highness's servants.—I have etc.

Office of Agent Govr. Genl.,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 3d April 1819. *A. G. G.*

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C. Steer Esqr.,
Judge of Dacca Jelalpore.

Sir,—I have had the pleasure to receive yours of the 29th Ulto. with its Enclosures, and beg to enclose a Persian copy of my Proceedings on the subject referred.

Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 15th April 1819. *A. G. G.*

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E. Bourgoin Esqr.,
Agent of the French Government, Sydabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to inform you that all your correspondence with Government of a Political Nature is in future to be conducted thro' my Agency ; and I have the pleasure to enclose you a copy of a letter to

my address on the subject, from the Secretary to Government under date the 3d Instant.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 19th April 1819. M. Ricketts, *A. G. G.*

The same to S. Bouman Esqr., Agent of the Netherland Government, Calcapore.

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J. W. Paxton Esqr.,
Collector of Customs at Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to enclose you a list of the remainder of the Cloths which Her Highness the Walida Begum ordered during the course of the past Bengal year 1225—in part of this quantity, her Moonshee, Sajid Ally, will apply to you for 450 pieces, which I request you will pass free of Duties, as also the 547 yet to come.

2nd. An accurate Statement will be transmitted to you of the quantity and qualities of the Cloths which will be imported during the present Bengal year 1226, for the use of the Deuries under the management of H. H. the Walida Begum ; The irregularity which has taken place in the several applications since the arrival of the orders of Government on the subject will by this Arrangement be obviated in future.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 21st April 1819. M. Ricketts, *A. G. G.*

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Resident at Lucknow.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a letter to your address from His Highness the Nazim of Bengal.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 27th April 1819. M. Ricketts, *A. G. G.*

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Russell Esqr.,
Rajmahl.

My Dear Sir,—I have the pleasure to enclose a letter from His Highness the Newaub to you, expressing his regret at what occurred at Rajmehal, his disappointment at not seeing you, his assurance that he waited in expectation of that pleasure for two days, and that he has severely reprimanded his servants for their conduct.

2. His Highness really appears distressed at the insolence shewn by those who were with the Begums, & regrets much that he was not at Rajmehal at the time ; he entreats you thro' me, as well as by the enclosed, to forgive and over look what has occurred ; and I beg to suggest your consenting to his request, as under the circumstances of the case, but a trifling if any pecuniary recompense could be demanded, the trial of his Servants if they could be identified would be tedious, and perhaps unsatisfactory, and as to the insult offered to you nothing I conclude that H. H. could offer would be deemed an equivalent. I shall however mention the circumstances to Government, and will recommend such arrangements as will greatly tend to check such outrages in future.—Yours etc.

the 4th May 1819. M. Ricketts.

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Lt. Col. Parlby, &ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to enclose for your inspection copy of a letter from Mr. Secretary Swinton, by which you will observe that in future all applications for advances for Cash for the works now carrying on by you, must be made to the Military Board, and reports monthly submitted to them of the progress of the Works. —I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 5th May 1819. M. Ricketts, *A. G. G.*

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H. A. Williams Esqr.,
Commercial Resident at Malda.

Sir,—His Highness the Nawab having deputed his Darogah, Mirza Nessar Hosein, as has been annually customary, to procure Mangoes at Malda, has requested me to furnish the Darogah with this letter, and to beg your attention to any application he may eventually find it necessary to prefer to you.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 8th May 1819. M. Ricketts, *A. G. G.*

The same to Wm. Lambert Esqr., Joint Magistrate at Malda.
Do. to E. Maxwell Esqr., Magistrate at Dinagepore.
Do. to C. Dawes Esqr., Magistrate of Purneah.

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E. Parry Esqr.,
Judge and Magistrate, Bhaugulpore.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose you copy of my Proceedings of this day's date, in consequence of a letter from His Highness the Nazim, stating the death of one of his Sepoys at Raje Mehal, in an affray that took place there between the Bazar People, and the Servants of three Gentlemen going up the Country ; I shall be obliged by your favoring me with copies of your Taannahdhar's report, and of the Proceedings that you may have held on the subject.—I have etc.

Agent's Office, Moorshedabad, the 24th May 1819. M. Ricketts, *A. G. G.*

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J. Ahmuty Esqr.,
Senior & other Judges of the Provincial Court of Dacca.

Gentlemen,—H. H. the Nazim of Bengal has appointed Fatee Oolla Khan his Ameen to examine the Accounts of the Nowarrah Lands in Dacca, Momensing &ca. and to make arrangements for Catching Elephants at Sylhet and Tipperah. I beg the favor of you to receive him, and to give him any assistance in your Power.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 25th May 1819. — M. Ricketts, *A. G. G.*

The same to R. Mitford Esqr., Collector of Dacca.
Do. to C. Smith Esqr., Judge of Momensing.
Do. to D. Scott, Jun., Esqr., Collector of Do.
Do. to the Judge of Dacca Jelalpore.

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J. Hayes Esqr.,
Judge of Tipperah.

Sir,—His Highness the Nazim has appointed Fatee Oolla Khan his Ameen to examine the accounts of the Nowarrah Lands in your district, and to make arrangements for Catching Elephants. I beg the favor of you to receive him and to give him any assistance in your Power.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 25th May 1819. — M. Ricketts, *A. G. G.*

The same to L. Magniac Esqr., Acting Collector of Tipperah.
Do. to J. Ewing Esqr., Judge of Sylhet.
Do. to J. French Esqr., Collector of Sylhet.

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E. C. Lawrence Esqr.,
Judge of Rajeshahie.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter addressed to me by H. H. the Nazim, with the copy of its Enclosures, complaining that four Buffaloes belonging to the Nizamut, have been taken away by the Servants of Ranee Jymanee ; and to request that you will pay such attention to it as the case may appear to you to require.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 31st May 1819. — M. Ricketts, *A. G. G.*

[575]

C. W. Steer Esqr.,
Magistrate of Dacca Jelalpore.

Sir,—His Highness the Nazim Annually hires Dandies from your District for the Boats of the Nizamut, and for the last two years has been put to much inconvenience and expence by their from time to time running away after receiving an advance of Wages ; as a check to this in future, I beg the favor of you to desire your Tannahdars and other Police officers that whenever the Bearers of this Ashuk & Canooram Mangies, H. H.'s Servants, hire Dandees, to oblige those Dandees ere they proceed to Moorshedabad to furnish proper securities. —I have etc.

Office of Agent Govr. Genl., Moorshedabad, the 9th June 1819. — M. Ricketts, *A. G. G.*

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R. Morrieson Esqr.,
Judge & Magistrate, Beerbhoom.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose you a letter from Ruheemoonissa Begum, one of H. H. the Nazim's Aunts, respecting Birj Mohun Doss, the farmer of one of her Estates in your District & his Security Gopal Sing oorf Rajah Baboo, whom she has prosecuted in your Court, for Sa. Rs. 9,789, being a balance due to her ; I request the favor of you to attend to the Begum's wishes as far as it may be in your Power.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 24th June 1819. — M. Ricketts, *A. G. G.*

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Lt. Col. Parlby, &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to enclose you copies of letters from the Secretary of Government in the Military Department, and the Secretary to the Military Board, notifying the extra allowance to which you will be entitled for the construction of the Nizamut Buildings.—I am etc.

Agent's Office, Moorshedabad, the 30th June 1819. — Mordaunt Ricketts, *Agent Govr. Genl.*

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Wm. T. Smith Esqr.,
Senior Judge of the Court of Appeal, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Proceedings under date the 22nd Ultimo, but as I cannot attend to the requisition contained therein, without being acquainted with the name of the person against whom the Decree is given, I beg the favor of you to send me this information.

A copy of my Persian Proceedings on the subject is enclosed.—I have etc.

Agent's Office, Moorshedabad, the 12th July 1819. — M. Ricketts, *A. G. G.*

[579]

Wm. T. Smith Esqr.,
Senior Judge of the Court of Appeal, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have now the honor to inform you in reply to your letters of the 6th and 13th Instant, that Meer Mohd. Hosein receives a stipend of 330 Sa. Rs. per mensem from the Nizamut. A copy of my Persian Proceedings is enclosed.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th July 1819.

Mordaunt Ricketts,
Agent Govr. Genl.

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Wm. H. Macnaghten Esqr.,
Acting Joint Magistrate at Malda.

Sir,—I informed the Nazim of the very improper conduct of the person stationed at Malda, on the part of Mirza Nissar Hosein, as communicated in your letter of the 6th Ultimo, and His Highness has assured me that the Writer of the Urzee has been severely reprimanded, and measures taken to prevent a similar conduct in future.

2d. His Highness has also requested me to beg your interference to secure for him the produce of Several Buddyeah Mangoe trees, hitherto always received, but which the owners have this year withheld from him, the trees in question will be pointed out to you by the Bearer by this.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 15th July 1819.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

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W. T. Smith, Senr.
Sir R. Martin
E. Impey
R. O. Wynne
} Esqrs.

Judges of the Court of Appeal.

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to forward to you a letter to your address enclosed to me from the Nawab Soulut Jung ; it is in reply to your Summons to answer the Complaint of a person by name Takoor Dass, and it appearing that the complaint is caused from the Nawab's having carried into execution, as Acting Serishtadar of the Governor General's Agent, my orders ; and consequently as he is not responsible for the same, I, in forwarding his letter to you, have translated it ; and trust you will be pleased to dismiss the suit, if, as the Nawab alleges it is an act of mine, which is now under the consideration of Govt.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 11th August 1819.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[582]

Mons. Bourgoin,
&ca. &ca., Chandernagore.

My Dear Sir,—I am obliged to proceed to Calcutta tomorrow. I have therefore hastily gone over the Gossein's Accounts as I thought it would be satisfactory to you to have some information on the subject, altho' a final adjustment cannot now be made.

The Accounts were drawn out as the Expences and Receipts were made. I have consequently had some difficulty in arranging them under separate heads ; but I have now the pleasure to forward you the result of my Enquiries, in 5 Enclosures, exhibiting in

No. 1. The several purchases of "Lac" with Expences. No Account Sales have yet been received, but are daily expected

No. 2. The purchase & sale of 271 bales of Cotton

No. 3 Private Expenses

No. 4. Balance of Interest against you

No. 5. A general abstract of the whole of your transactions with the Gossein's house.

You will observe by No. 5 that the receipt of Rs. 24,249-15 is acknowledged, and that you are charged with Rs. 29,924, but as Credit has not yet been given for the Sale of the Lac, You will, if the sale is effected, have money to receive. I have made a pencil remark at the End, observing that if the Lac is only sold at prime Cost you will have to receive nearly 4,000 Rupees.

You will, My dear Sir, examine these Accounts and inform me of any objections ; the contingent expenses appear to be excessively high. But the principal questions in regard to the Lac and 271 bales of Cotton, appear to be, whether the qualities were equal to muster, and whether you were "ensemble" in partnership, or not. The Agents of the Gossein allege that the purchases were made in the presence of and with the Consent of your own people, and positively deny the partnership, and you have not proved it by any written Document. If you can, do so ; it is most advisable.

For the several payments made to you in cash, your Receipts are produced ; and in regard to the 145 bales of Cotton, it appears to have been a ready money purchase made by you from the Gossein for your friends at Chandernagore ; and the Gossein says that after the purchase was made and the Goods dispatched, he had no further responsibility. However he offers wherever a deficiency in Weight in any of the Articles is proved, he will admit of deductions.

I hope to return to this station in 10 days when I will enter minutely into every particular ; and if on my way back I can manage to stop at Chandernagore, I will certainly pay my respects to you. I beg my best Compliments to Madame, & believe me, My Dear Sir.—Yours etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 11th Augt. 1819.

M. Ricketts.

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J. Monckton Esqr.,
Resident of Lucknow.

Sir,—I request the favor of you to have the enclosed letter from the Judge of Moorshedabad delivered to the Nawab Roshunool Dowlah, one of the Nazim of Bengal's Uncles, now residing at Lucknow.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 12th August 1819.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

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W. T. Smith
R. O. Wynne } Esqrs.,

Judges of the Courts of Appeal & Circuit.

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date.

2. In complying with the wishes of the Nawab Soulut Jung of forwarding his reply to your Summons, it was far from my intention to request a deviation from the usual forms of the Court. I conceived that much trouble might be saved, and the example of subjecting a public officer to a summons before your Court for performing the Orders of his superior, be avoided, by at once informing you that the Defendant had no more to do with the act complained of than any other Individual in my office ; As this does not appear sufficient for the dismissal of the Suit, and as I am not aware of any illegality in the mode of redress resorted to by the Plaintiff, I have to beg that you will be pleased to go on with the proceedings in the case.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 13th August 1819.

M. Ricketts
A. G. Genl.

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Lt. Coll. McLeod C. B.,
Commanding at Berhampore.

Sir,—It is the intention of His Excellency the Governor General in Council to allow of Lieutt. White's Estate of Dilkhooshar being offered to His Highness the Nazim, provided no objections exist to His Highness's residing there ; I beg the favor of you, therefore, to inform me whether you are apprehensive of any inconveniences arising with reference to the European troops and Sepoys, from the followers of His Highness being so near Cantonments.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 10th Sept. 1819.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

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Lt. Shuldham,
Commanding the Provincial Battalion,
Moorshedabad.

Sir,—It is the intention of His Excellency the Governor General in Council to allow of Lieut. White's Estate of Dilkhooshar being offered to His Highness the Nazim, provided no objections exist to His Highness's residing there: I beg the favor of you therefore, to inform me whether you are apprehensive of any inconveniences arising with reference to your Command, from the followers of His Highness being so close to your Lines. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 10th Sept. 1819.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[587]

F. Magniac Esqr.,
Acting Magistrate, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—It is the intention of H. E. the G. G. in Council to allow of Lieut. White's Estate of Dilkhooshar being offered to H. H. the Nazim, provided no objections exist to H. H.'s residing there ; I beg the favor of you therefore to inform me whether you are apprehensive of any inconveniences arising with reference to your Police.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 10th Septr. 1819.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[588]

G. Chester Esqr.,
Commercial Resident at Patna.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3d Ultimo, duplicate of which was delivered by your Burdar.

2. The Saltpetre has been received by the Darogah of the Meer Samanee on the part of His Highness the Nawab, and turns out maunds of 79-6 Sicca, nine hundred and three, and thirty eight seers, for which the Receipt of the said officer is enclosed.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 11th Septr. 1819.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[589]

E. Parry Esqr.,
Magistrate of Bhaugulpore.

Sir,—The Nawab Meer Abool Hussun, an Uncle of His Highness the Nazim of Bengal, having conducted himself in a manner as to call for marks of the displeasure of Government, he has been directed to leave the City of Moorshedabad, and to reside for a time at Monghyr ; I, in consequence give you early intimation of his being about to leave the City, and request you will direct your several Police Officers on the Banks of the River, to pay him that attention which in consideration of his near Relationship to H. H. the Nawab Nazim he is entitled to ; but, in the event of his committing any acts of outrage during his progress, to give every assistance to the Escort of the Nizamut Sepoys, that will be

in attendances, and to take those measures which will tend to keep the Peace, and to prevent any delay in the Nawab's arrival at Monghyr.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 9th Octr. 1819. *Agent Govr. Genl.*

[590]

J. C. C. Sutherland Esqr.,
Joint Magistrate at Monghyr.

Sir,—A letter from the Persian Secretary to Govt. to the Acting Joint Magistrate under date the 3d Ultimo will have informed you of Government's having deemed it expedient to require the Nawab Meer Abool Hussun, an Uncle of H. H. the Nazim of Bengal, to reside at Monghyr during its pleasure, and by the Enclosures of that letter you were informed of the character & conduct of the Nawab.

2. I have now the honor to inform you that the Nawab will proceed on his journey the day after tomorrow, accompanied by an Escort from the Nizamut, who have strict orders not to put any restraint over him unless acts of outrage are committed, or unnecessary delays made on the road. I do not suppose that the Nawab will act improperly ; but with advertence to his disposition, and habits, it is advisable to be prepared. I have therefore to request you will direct your Police Officers on the banks of the River to give assistance, if it should be required.

3d. On the Nawab's arrival at Monghyr, and as long as he conducts himself properly, you will be good enough to treat him with that consideration he is entitled to from his relationship to the Nazim of Bengal; but it will be advisable to intimate to him, as I have already done, that a repetition of the Acts which have caused his removal from Moorshedabad, will subject him to be proceeded against criminally in your Court.

4th. With respect to the payment of Meer Abool Hussun's Stipend at Monghyr, I shall hereafter have the honor to address you. I have now only to request that you will provide for him, and his followers, amounting to 20 or 30 men, suitable accommodation, (for which rent will be paid by the Nawab) in the Town of Monghyr, or a short distance from it, will, as the Nawab is frequently in a state of intoxication, be for obvious reasons preferable.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 9th Octr. 1819. *A. G. G.*

[591]

E. Parry Esqr.,
Magistrate of Bhaugulpore.

Sir,—This will announce to you the arrival at Bhaugulpore of His Highness the Nazim of Bengal's Uncle, Nawab Meer Abool Hussun, about whom you will have heard from me by Dawk. You will be good enough to pay him those attentions to which from his near Relationship to the Nazim he is entitled.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, Mordt. Ricketts,
the 9th Octr. 1819. *Agent Govr. Genl.*

[*The same to* the Joint Magistrate at Monghyr.]

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A. Smelt Esqr.,
Collector of Customs, Dacca.

Sir,—His Excellency the Governor General in Council was pleased on the 3d February last, to resolve that the articles required by Her Highness the Walida Begum for herself and the several Deuries under her management, should be exempted from the payment of the Custom duties ; but, with a view to guard against the occurrence of frauds, to direct that Her Highness should notify to the Collectors of Customs, thro' the Agent of the Governor General, the quantity of the articles required, and the name of the person employed to procure them. I have now, in consequence, the honor to enclose you a list of the Cloths required by H.H. the Walida Begum for the use of herself and the Deuries, from your station, for the years 1225 & 1226 ;* and to inform you that the Bearers Juggernauth Sa and Bulram Sa, are the persons who will purchase the Cloths, and apply to you for "Passes" from time to time as the despatches are made, and you will be good enough to note down such on the back of the enclosed list, until the total quantity has been supplied.—I have etc.

* in the part of the former & the whole for the latter year.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, Mordt. Ricketts,
the 12th Octr. 1819. *A. G. G.*

[*The same to* the Collector of Customs, Benares.]

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J. W. Paxton Esqr.,
Collector of Customs, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In continuation of my letter of the 21st April last, I have now the honor to enclose you a List of the quantity and quality of the Cloths which will be required by H.H. the Walida Begum for herself and the several Deuries from the stations of Benares, Dacca, Hooghly, Radanagore and Malda for the present year 1226, and of the 547 pieces still due for the year 1225, as mentioned to you in the letter above alluded to.

2. To the Collectors of Customs at Benares and Dacca I have written to grant passes for the Cloths required from their Stations ; and as they arrive from time to time, you will be good enough to write them off at the back of the enclosed List, till the whole has been received. You will also adopt the same plan for those which will come direct to your Custom house from Hooghly, Radanagore and Malda, passing them free of duties.

3d. I also beg to inform you that Her Highness the Walida Begum has deputed the undermentioned people to make the several purchases for her.

To Benares { Kishen Chund & Hurnarain.

To Dacca { Juggernath Sa & Bulram Sa.

To Hooghly or Radanagore Pur Mishuree Das, Mahajun.

To Malda { Rada Mohun Sutear & Mokund Sutear. } Do.

—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 12th Octr. 1819.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

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R. Morrieson Esqr.,
Magistrate of Zillah Beerbhoom.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th Instant, enclosing one to the address of Ruheemoonissa Begum, and requesting to know whether the direction is correct ; the titles given by you are too high for the Begum's Rank. I therefore beg to return you the letter to be addressed instead of ; and request you will favor me with a copy of it as is customary with all letters transmitted thro' the Agent.

2. I have also the pleasure to enclose you for any future occasion, a list of the addresses to be used to the different members of His Highness's family ; and beg to inform you that the designation of Superintendent of Nizamut Affairs "is now changed to that of Agent to the Governor General."—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 16th Octr. 1819.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[595]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—On the 25th March 1818, the late Acting Agent communicated to you several divisions which had been made from the Stipend of the late Khuleel Oolla Khan. I have now the honor to acquaint you that His Excellency the Governor General in Council has been pleased to grant to Ashruffoonissa Begum, the sister of the Nawab Dil Jaun, the whole of the sum still remaining of the late Khuleel Oolla Khan's Stipend, viz. 160 Rupees a month, which she is to receive from the 1st of April last ; and from that date I request you will have the goodness regularly to pay the amount to the Behla Department of the Nizamut ; and I beg the favor of you to inform me of the amount accumulated prior to that date, which will be added to the fund for the general benefit of the Nizamut.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 26th Octr. 1819.

M. Ricketts,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[596]

R. Morrieson Esqr.,
Magistrate of Zillah Beerbhoom.

Sir,—In your letter of the 21st Instant the copy only for my office of your Perwannah was enclosed. I beg the favor of you to send the original to forward to the Begum Ruheemoonissa.

2. No Regulation has been published altering the designation of Superintendent of Nizamut Affairs to that of Agent to the Governor General ; but I have the pleasure to enclose you an Extract of a letter to this effect, from the Acting Chief Secretary to Government ; which I conclude is authority sufficient.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 26th Octr. 1819.

M. Ricketts,
Agent Govr. Genl.

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Mons. Bourgoin Esqr.,
Resident of Sydabad, Chandernagore.

My dear Sir,—Pursuram Ghose has at length consented to submit his Accounts to Arbitration, and I trust you will concur with me in opinion of this being the most equitable mode of adjustment. The Gosein will appoint a Merchant on his part and enter into an Engagement to abide by the decision. I will nominate a person to attend, and it will also be requisite that one should be appointed by you, and a similar deed executed.

When I am favored with your reply together with any other Vouchers you may have to submit to the arbitrators, they will immediately commence their operations ; but in the Event of this arrangement not meeting your wishes, I regret to add that further measures lay not in my Department.

Moorshedabad,
the 3d Novr. 1819.

M. Ricketts.

[598]

Lieut. Coll. Parlby, &ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—In continuation of my Communication of the 30th June last, I have now the pleasure to forward to you copy of a letter from the Secretary to Government in the Military Department to the Persian Secretary.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 4th Novr. 1819.

M. Ricketts,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[599]

C. Chapman Esqr.,
Judge and Magistrate of Zillah Backergunge.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit to you copy of a letter from H. H. the Nazeem of Bengal to my address, together with that of my proceedings relative to the Conduct of Mohammed Fattch Oolla Khan, the Aumeen deputed by H. H. to collect the arrears of Revenue in the Nowarrah Mohals.

2. As, it appears, by the tenor of H.H.'s Letter that the omission of your name in the application for letters of introduction originated in H.H. not being apprized of the Transfer of several villages to your district, I have now to request the favor of your receiving Mohd. Fattah Oollah Khan, as the Aumeen of H.H. and affording him such assistance as may be consistent with your official situation.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 19th Novr. 1819.

Mordt. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[600]

D. McFarlane Esqr.,
Acting Magistrate of Monghyr.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th Instant, and to inform you that circumstances prevented the Nawab Meer Abool Hussem from leaving the City for Monghyr until the 5th Instant. —I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 19th Novr. 1819.

Mordt. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[601]

Mrs. Goard.

Madam,—Nawab Meer Mehndee in reply to my Letter on the subject of your demand states, that he is not aware of any claim you have upon him. You will therefore be pleased to furnish proof of his being indebted to you in the sum of 72 Rupees.—I am etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 20th Novr. 1819.

Mordt. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[602]

Mrs. White.

Madam,—Nawab Meer Mehndee in reply to my Letter on the subject of your claim states, that your late husband Mr. White received from him one hundred Rupees for the purpose of purchasing some articles in Calcutta, and had only accounted for 70 Rupees, and that a balance of 30 Rs. was due to him at the time of his demise. I am much surprized at your prefering a claim against an Uncle of H. H. the Nazim, for which there does not appear to be the smallest foundation.—I am etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 20th Novr. 1819.

Mordt. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[603]

Captain Goate,
H. H. 87th Regt., Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit to you two Persian Letters from H. H. the Nazim of Bengal addressed to Mrs. Goate and Mrs. Castley, acknowledging the receipt of the several articles you sent to me for H. H. when you was passing Moorshedabad.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 22d Novr. 1819.

Mordt. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

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C. R. Martin Esqr.,
Judge and Magistrate of Burdwan.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit to you the copy of a Petition forwarded to me by H. H. the Nazim of Bengal, and to request the favor of your complying with the prayer of the Petitioner, as far as may be consistent with your official situation.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 24th Novr. 1819.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

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E. Bourgoin Esqr., &ca. &ca.

My dear Sir,—I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 12th Instant, and am glad to find that you agree to submit to arbitration the business pending between yourself and the Gosein.

It will be advisable for both parties to sign some kind of Arbitration Bond. I enclose one, which appears to me to be sufficient ; if you execute and return it, it shall be delivered to the Gossein ; and a similar one signed by him, forwarded to you.

The Gossein has appointed the Banker Juggat Seat on his part, to whom I am not aware of there being any objection. I will nominate a third person to be present at the arbitration, and if you will request Mr. Liotard to fix the time when he will attend on your part, the business can be entered upon.

I am sorry that it will not be in my power to offer accommodations to Mr. Liotard, as I have several of my Relations now with me, but I suppose Mr. Liotard could manage for the two or three days he would be detained, to take up his abode in your empty house at Sydabad.

Moorshedabad,
the 25th Novr. 1819.

M. Ricketts.

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W. T. Smith, Senior
Sir R. Martin Bart.
R. O. Wynne and
D. Morrieson
Esqrs.,

Judges of the Provincial Court of Appeal and Circuit, Moorshedabad.

Gentlemen,—The sale of the late Cutcherry of the Court of Appeal and Circuit at Chumpapokur, having been effected agreeably to the sanction of Government as communicated to you on the 17th Septr., I have to request the favor of your furnishing me with such papers and Documents as may be attached to the premises, for the purpose of their being transferred to H.H. the Nazim of Bengal.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 25th Novr. 1819.

Mordt. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[607]

H. Douglas Esqr.,
Senior Judge of the Provincial Court of Appeal, Patna.

Sir,—Toffeel Ally Khan, Vakeel at the Presidency of His Highness the Nazim of Bengal, is proceeding to Patna, and wishes to pay his respects to you. I request therefore that you will be pleased to receive and to shew him such marks of attention as he is entitled to from his situation.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 7th Decr. 1819.

Mordt. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

The same to W. H. Tippett Esqr., Judge & Magistrate, Patna.

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Lt. Col. A. McLeod C. B.,
H. M. 59th Foot, Commanding at Berhampore.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a Draft on Messrs Conttenden & McKillop for Sicca Rupees 221 ; being the amount subscription of the Officers of H. M. 59 Foot, towards erecting a Monument to the memory of Her Late Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte of Wales.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 16th Decr. 1819.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[609]

C. Trower Esqr.,
Collector of the 24th Purgunnahs, Calcutta.

Sir,—Rajah Oodwunt Sing, a Respectable Merchant of Moorshedabad, having lately by a Deed of Gift transferred 2,000 Rupees per mensem to the Pagoda of Rogonauth Takoor at Nussurpore in this vicinity, in which is included certain lands situated in the 24 Purgunnahs, the Rajah is desirous of their being recorded in the name of the Takoor. I have therefore to request the favor of your giving orders, should no objections exist, for the requisite alteration being made in the Pottahs, which will be presented by the Rajah's Vekeel Ramnarain Baboo ; and that the Revenue tendered by any one on the part of the Trustees, Bhawanny Lal & Sooknaut may be recd. into the Treasury.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 17th Decr. 1819.

M. Ricketts,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[610]

N. Smith Esqr.,
Acting Judge & Magistrate, Rungpore.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th Instant ; and am sorry to be obliged to return the enclosure for H. H. the Nazim, as you have sealed it, and not favorded me with a copy of its contents.

2d. Regulation XIX of 1805 establishes the channel of communication between H.H. the Nazim and his family, and any officers of the British Government to be thro' the Supt. of Nizamut Affairs, or as that officer is now called Agent to the Governor General ; and as he is to use his discretion in transmitting such letters, it is necessary that they should either be unsealed, or copies forwarded: allow me therefore to request that you will adopt either of these modes—when the Communication respecting the Rumna Lands shall be made to His Highness.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 18th Decr. 1819.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[611]

Lieut. Col. Parlby. &ca. &ca., Berhampore.

Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 23d Ultimo, I have now the honor to inform you that the payment of the allowance which you are to draw whilst engaged in constructing the buildings at Moorshedabad, is to be made thro' my office ; and that I am authorized by the Governor General in Council to pay you monthly a sum equivalent to Sonat Rs. 400 and 161 Sonat Rupees for Establishment, as specified in the 2d paragraph of the letter from the Secy. to the Mily. Board under date the 18th of May last, with arrears from the date of the order directing the Work to be commenced. You will be pleased, therefore, to send me your Receipts in duplicate for each month, in the usual form.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 20th Decr. 1819.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[612]

W. Ogilvey
J. Gillman & } Esqrs.,
J. Melk

Members of the Medical Board.

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to enclose for your consideration copy of a letter from Manuel deMachado, who for 18 years has attended the Natives of the City of Moorshedabad, and especially the Dependants of the N'zamut ; and has, I have reason to suppose, been of great use in administering Medicines to the poor, and to the native Gentlemen, who have generally made him some little allowance. But now that he is grown old, he cannot exert himself as he has hitherto done, and has addressed me the letter, copy of which I now forward to your Board. You best will judge how far his petition for an allowance and an assistant can be attended to ; but I should suppose no objection will exist to supply him occasionally, as it is for the public benefit, with medicines from the Department of Medical Stores.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 21st Decr. 1819. *A. G. G.*

[613]

D. Scott Esqr.,
Collector of Mymensing.

Sir,—His Highness the Nazim of Bengal, in consequence of the non-attendance of Sadoollah and Manoollah boat dandies, having granted the lands heretofore held by them in H. H.'s Nowarrah Mehals in your district to Mahomed Ruffee and Sanoulah, I have to request the favor (should no objection exist) of your permitting them to take possession, conformably to the usual practice in such cases.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 21st Decr. 1819. *A. G. G.*

[614]

S. Bird Esqr. Junr.,
Judge and Magistrate of the City of Dacca.

Sir,—H. H. the Nazim of Bengal having deputed Mirzah Kurreem Oollah Beg, the Naib of his Aumeen Fatta Oollah who is now in attendance with H. H. to superintend the repairs of Boats in your district, I have to request the favor of your affording him your assistance in obtaining Carpenters &ca. for that purpose.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 21st Decr. 1819. *A. G. G.*

[615]

C. W. Steer Esqr.,
Judge and Magistrate of Dacca Jellalpore.

Sir,—His Highness the Nazim of Bengal having deputed Mirzah Kurreem Oollah Beg, the Naib of his Aumeen Fatta Oollah who is now in attendance with His Highness, to collect arrears of Revenue from certain Artizans & Boat people holding lands from H.H. in the Nowarrah Mehals in your district, I have to request the favor of your affording him such assistance as may be consistent with your official situation.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 21st Decr. 1819. *A. G. G.*

[616]

C. Chapman Esqr.,
Judge and Magistrate of Backergunge.

Sir,—His Highness the Nazim of Bengal having deputed Mirzah Kurreem Oollah Beg, the Naib of his Aumeen Fatta Oollah who is now in attendance with His Highness, to collect arrears of Revenue from certain Silversmiths holding lands from H. H. in the Nowarrah Mehals in your district, I have to request the favor of your affording him such assistance as may be consistent with your official situation.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 21st Decr. 1819. *A. G. G.*

[617]

Lieutt. Coll. Parlby, &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to acquaint you that H.E. the Most Noble the Governor General in Council has been pleased to sanction a further advance being made to you of Sa. Rs. 10,000 on account of the Buildings constructing for H. H. the Walida Begum.—I am etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 27th Decr. 1819. *A. G. G.*

[618]

Dr. Machado.

Sir,—By the annexed copy of a letter from the Medl. Board, you will observe that it is not possible to grant the wishes you expressed in your letter to me under date the 22d November 1819.—I am etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 3d Jany. 1820. *A. G. G.*

[619]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Collector of Customs at Dacca.

Sir,—His Highness the Nazim has ordered several boats to be made, and others to be repaired at Dacca. I have to request therefore that you will be pleased to pass the several Timbers & Planks of Bhahadree and Jarrel, Paint, Iron, Sunn, Twine, Gaub, Bamboos, Coarse Cloths & Wax, which will be required, on His Highness's Naib Aumeen Curreem Oolla Khan making application from time to time for the same, and satisfying you that the articles are really and truly for the purposes required by His Highness.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 3d Jany. 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[620]

M. Lumsden Esqr.,
Clerk to the Committee of Stationery.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to transmit to you the Enclosed Return of Stationery, shewing the quantity expended last year, and that required for the use of the Office for the present year, which I shall be obliged by your forwarding as soon as practicable, either at once or on difft. days, by Daukbongy. I take this opportunity to state, with reference to your letter of the 21 Septr. 1818, that the expenditure of Stationery in this office cannot be confined to a certain quantum, but it has been attended to with the utmost practicable economy.—I am etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 7th Jany. 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

Enclosure

Return of Stationery, Expended & Remaining on the 31st Decr. 1819, and shewing the quantity required for 1820

	Balce. on 31st Decr. 1818	Recd. in 1819	Total	Expended in 1819	Balce. on the 31st Decr. 1819	Quantity reqd. for 1820	
Tape	2	12	14	10	4	12	
Demy Paper	13½	..	13½	6½	7	5 qr.	for books of necessity
Consultation	10/5	..	10/5	5/5	5	5 ,,	during the year
Folio Post	..	10	10	10	..	10 ,,	for common use
Foolscap	10	10	20	14	6	10 ,,	
Slices	..	2	2	..	2	..	,,
Hones	2	..	2	..	2	..	,,
Straps	..	3	3	2	1	2	,,
Pen Knives	..	6	6	5 (worn out)	1	4	,,
Leaden Inkstands	3	..	3	2	1	2	,,
Glass do.	2	..	2	2 broken	..	2	,,
Wax	2	36	38	50 12 borrowed	..	60 Sticks to replace the number borrd.	
Scissors	1	1	2	..	1	,,	,,
Compasses	1	..	1	1 useless	..	1 pr.	,,
Rulers	3	..	3	..	3	..	
Wafers	..	2	2	3 borrowed 1	..	4 boxes	,,
Marble paper	..	24	24	24	..	24 sh.	,,
Blotting ,,	16	24	40	30	10	24	,,
Black Inkpowder	6	6	12	12	..	12 papers	,,
Red Do.	1	1	2	2	..	2 papers	,,
Boards	1	6	7	7	..	12	
Indian Rubber	1½	..	1½	1	½	1 bottle*	A* small file only was sent
Pencils	1	12	13	10	3	8	,,
Quills	777	..	777 (illegible)	402 (illegible)	375	..	altho' the quantity (illegible) is smaller than that expended last year, the expenditure of the present year will be carefully attended to

Sand & 4 leaden weights are also required

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 7th Jany. 1820.

M. Ricketts,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[621]

J. Ahmuty Esqr.,
Senior Judge of the Provincial Court of Appeal
at Dacca.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a letter to the address of Nawab Shumsoo Dowlah, which I beg you will have the goodness to forward to him.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 8th Jany. 1820. *A. G. G.*

[622]

Lieutt. Col. Parlby, &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th Instant, with its enclosures; and as your personal allowance for superintending the Buildings constructing for H. H. the Walida Begum is to be charged to the Nizamut reserved Fund, I think it would be advisable, with a view of avoiding a separate entry in the Nizamut Accounts, to include it in your application for advances, and deduct your arrears from the next issue of cash.—I am etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 13th Jany. 1820. *A. G. G.*

[623]

Mrs. Goard.

Madam,—I have received your letter of this date, and am sorry I cannot take charge of the pictures you have prepared for Nawab Meer Mehndee. I would recommend your sending them, together with the Bill, to the Nawab's Mother Lootfoonissa Begum.—I am etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 17th Jany. 1820. *A. G. Genl.*

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Lieutt. Col. A. McLeod C.B.,
H. M. 59th Regt. Commanding at Berhampore.

Sir,—In continuation of my letter to you of the 16th Ultimo, I have now the honor to enclose Messrs Palmer Co.'s Receipt, for the sum of Sa.Rs. 221, on acct. of the subscription of the officers of H. M. 59th Regt. towards erecting a Monument to the memory of Her late Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte of Wales.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 24th Jany. 1820. *A. G. G.*

[625]

Lieutt. Colonel J. Parlby, &ca. &ca., Berhampore.

Sir,—I have the honor to acquaint you that His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council has been pleased to sanction a further advance being made to you of Sicca Rupees 10,000, on account of the Buildings constructing for Her Highness the Walida Begum.—I am etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 24th Jany. 1820. *A. G. G.*

[626]

C.W. Steer Esqr.,
Judge and Magistrate, Dacca Jelalpore.

Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 29th March 1819, which accompanied your proceedings and the papers in the Case of Durmnarain Duroodger *Versus* Lokeenath Doss and others, I have now the honor to acquaint you, that having referred the Case to His Highness the Nazim of Bengal, the cause has been tried in H.H.'s Court and decreed in favor of the Plaintiff.

2. I have also the honor to return the papers, with the Decree of H. H. Court, and Copy of my proceedings. —I am etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 24th Jany. 1820. *A. G. G.*

[627]

John Monckton Esqr.,
Resident at Lucknow.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to transmit the enclosed letter to your address from His Highness the Nazim's Uncle Nawab Meer Munglee.

Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 25th Jany. 1820. *A. G. G.*

[628]

The Secretary to the Board of Commissioners, Behar.

Sir,—Agreeably to the request of Mr. Buller the Senior Commissioner, I have the pleasure to forward to you 4 Books which were amongst the property of the late Secretary to your Board, Mr. Chamberlain, containing the Regulations of Government from 1808 to 1817 inclusive, together with 2 Vols. of Mr. Harington's Analysis and 3 of Mr. Colebrooke's Digest.—I am etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 25th Jany. 1820. *A. G. G.*

[629]

C. T. Metcalfe Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Dept.,
Fort William.

Sir,—As it is advisable to record in the Office of Agent to the Governor General the orders &ca. of Government

as Published in the Government Gazette ; I request the favor of you to obtain the sanction of the Governor General in Council, to direct the Editor of that paper regularly to forward Copies to this Office.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 29th Jany. 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. Genl.

[630]

J.A. Pringle Esqr.,
Ag. Magistrate, Rajshahie.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit the Copy of a petition received from Her Highness the Walida Begum, with a copy of my Proceedings ; and to request the favor of your investigating the Complaint of the Petitioner Gourmohun Sircar, who is Her Highness's Gomastah.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 29th Jany. 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[631]

T. Smith Esqr.,
Acting Civil Surgeon, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—The accompanying Caffree, named Syud Hupshee, belonging to some of the Dependents of the Nizamut was sent to me this morning by the Acting Magistrate, having arrived yesterday Evening from the Magistrate of Burdwan, where he had been apprehended by the Officers of the police in a state of mental derangement, and has been for sometime in the Insane Hospital at that Station—As he does not appear to be in a sound state of mind, I have sent him for your inspection ; and should you be of opinion that he is still deranged, do me the favor to direct his being admitted into the Hospital.—I am etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 29th Jany. 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

N.B.—Attackerree contg. his baggage accompanies him.

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Mrs. A. Goard,
Calcapore.

Madam,—Nawab Meer Mehndee having transmitted the amount of your demand, you will be pleased to send a Receipt, and a person to receive the same.—I am etc.

Agent's Office,
the 1st Feby. 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[*The same to* Mrs. R. White, Calcapore.]

[633]

Messrs Raitt, Inglis, & Co., Sylhet.

Gentlemen,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th Ultimo, relative to your demand against Nawab Salabut Jung ; and am inclined to believe that some mistake has arisen in the name of the party, as Salabut Jung is not a man of sufficient consequence to require such a quantity of Chunam, nor does it appear that he has been constructing buildings of any description.—I am etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 4th Feby. 1820.

Mordt. Ricketts,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[634]

Tho. Fortascue Esqr.,
Civil Commissioner at Delhi

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit the Copy of a letter received from His Highness the Nazim of Bengal, with the petition of Mirzah Mahomed Hosein, who states himself to be possessed of some landed property in the City and Environs of Delhi, of which attempts have been made to dispossess him ; and in compliance with the wishes of His Highness, I request the favor of your enquiring into the Case of the Petitioner.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agent's Office,
the 5th Feby. 1820.

Mordt. Ricketts,
Agent Govr. Genl.

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S. Bird Esqr.,
Judge & Magistrate of the City of Dacca.

Sir,—His Highness the Nazim of Bengal having deputed Mirzah Khurreem Oolla Beg, the Naib of His Aumeen Futtah Oolla who is now in attendance with His Highness, to investigate the Conduct of His Highness's late Omlah Khurreem Buksh Darogah, I have to request the favor of your affording him such assistance as may be in your power, and have the honor to enclose Copies of H. H. letter and of my proceedings.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 10th Feby. 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

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J. Liotard Esqr.,
Bowpore Factory.

Sir,—Monsr. Bourgoin informs me that you have undertaken to act as his Arbitrator in the dispute between him and Pusseeram Ghose. If it will be convenient to you to meet Juggut Seat and the Gossein at

my office on Wednesday the 23d Instant, I shall give directions for their being in attendance.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 15th Feby. 1820.

M. Ricketts, *A. G. Genl.*

[637]

Monsr. E. Bourgoin Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca., Chandernagore.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st Current with Enclosure, and have written to Mr. Liotard and Juggut Seat to attend at my office on Wednesday the 23d Instant, for the purpose of settling your affairs with Pusseeram Ghose ; and hope the result of the investigation will be consonant to your wishes.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 15th Feby. 1820.

M. Ricketts, *A. G. G.*

[638]

W. F. Clark Esqr.,
Judge & Magistrate, Zillah Nùddea.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose Copy of a letter received from Her Highness the Walida Begum, [with] a Copy of the petition of Her Highness's Bearers, and of my proceedings ; and request the favor of your enquiring into the merits of the petitioners' Complaint.—I have etc.

Agents Office, Moorshedabad, the 17th Feby. 1820.

M. Ricketts, *A. G. Genl.*

[639]

J. Liotard Esqr.,
Bowpore Factory.

Sir,—With reference to my letter of the 15th Instant, I have now to acquaint you that in consequence of the Hindoo festival of the Hoolee intervening, the Natives object to attending on Wednesday next. After the Holidays I will appoint an early day for the meeting taking place.—I am etc.

Agent's Office, Moorshedabad, the 21st Feby. 1820.

M. Ricketts, *A. G. Genl.*

[640]

Messrs Raitt, Inglis & Co.

Gentlemen,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th current, relative to your claim on Nawab Soulut Jung, and to acquaint you that your having in the first instance applied to and obtained a Decree in the Civil Court at Sylhet, which I am informed has been received and put in force by the Judge and Magistrate of Moorshedabad, my interference can be no longer necessary.—I am etc.

Agent's Office, Moorshedabad, the 24th Feby. 1820.

M. Ricketts, *A. G. Genl.*

[641]

C. Dawes Esqr.,
Judge and Magistrate, Rajshahye.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit Copy of a letter and enclosure received from His Highness the Nazim of Bengal, with a copy of my proceedings.

2. As it appears by the petition of Golam Hosein in charge of the Buffaloes on His Highness's Rumnahs in your district, that some of them have been forcibly carried off and others wounded by the people of Rance Joymunnee, attended with acts of violence and Outrage towards H. H. Servants ; I request the favor of your enquiring into the Statement made by the Petitioner, and feel assured that you will afford H. H. every satisfaction the merits of the Case may call for, and secure H. H.'s officers from any recurrence of a similar nature.—I have etc.

Agents Office, Moorshedabad, the 2d March 1820.

M. Ricketts, *A. G. Genl.*

[642]

T. Nibart Esqr.,
Acting Judge and Magistrate, Malda.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit Copy of a letter received from H. H. the Nazim of Bengal, together with that of Nawab Doud Ally Khan transmitted by H. H. with a copy of my proceedings.

2. As it appears by Section 10th of Regulation 16th of 1793 to be the wish of Government that every attention consistent with due administration of Justice, should be shewn to the members of the Nazim's family, I request the favor of your enquiring into the measures that have been adopted with regard to Nawab Doud Ally Khan, which appear to have originated in mistake or misrepresentation, as I feel assured that H.H.'s relations will experience every consideration from you compatible with justice, and the general Interests of the public.—I have etc.

Agents Office, Moorshedabad, the 2d March 1820.

M. Ricketts, *A. G. G.*

[643]

R. Morrieson Esqr.,
Judge and Magistrate, Zillah Beerbhoom.

Sir,—The serious indisposition of His Highness the Nazim of Bengal rendering immediate change of air absolutely requisite, he proposes proceeding to the Hills in the vicinity of Beerbhoom.

2. The urgency of the occasion not permitting my waiting the result of a reference to Government ; I have to request the favor of your paying him the attentions due to His Highness's Rank. He will enter your district by the Govindpore Thannah.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 2d March 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. Genl.

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W. T. Smith, Senior
Sir R. Martin Bart.
D. Morrieson &
G. French
Esqrs.,

Judges of the Court of Appeal and Circuit,
Moorshedabad.

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to transmit Copy of a letter and Enclosures received from His Highness the Nazim of Bengal, with copy of my proceedings.

2. It appears that a Cause was instituted in the Dewanny Adaulut of Moorshedabad by H. H.'s Vakeel Sookhun Laul against a person of the name of Oollaass Singh which was decreed by the Judge in favor of the Complainant. That the Defendant has since appealed in forma pauperis, to the benefit of which he was not entitled, being possessed of property. I have therefore in compliance with the wishes of H. H. to request the favor of your enquiring into the Statement made by Goluck Ghose, who is appointed by His Highness to succeed Sookhun Laul deceased.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 7th March 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. Genl.

[645]

J. P. Larkins Esqr.,
Chairman of the Committee for Erecting by Subscription a Statue to the Memory of the late Warren Hastings, Calcutta.

Sir,—With reference to the request contained in your letter of the 1st Novr. last, I have now the honor to transmit a Hoondee on the House of Rogonath Dass in Calcutta for Sa. Rs. 2,231, being the amount of the Subscription received from the Inhabitants of Moorshedabad towards erecting a statue to the Memory of the late Warren Hastings, whose names are specified in the enclosed List.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 9th March 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. Genl.

Enclosure

List of Subscribers at Moorshedabad to the proposed erection of a statue to the Memory of the Warren Hastings.

H. H. the Nazim of Bengal	500-0-0
Her Highness the Walida Begum	200-0-0
Nawab Ahmed Ally Khan, Bahadoor Brother of the Nazim	50-0-0
Nawab Abool Cossim Khan, Bahadoor	50-0-0
Nawab Syud Zenal Abdeen	50-0-0
,, Syud Mohamed Ally	50-0-0
,, Jaun	50-0-0
,, Nusseeroodeen Hyder	50-0-0
,, Shumsher Jung	50-0-0
,, Doud Ally Khan	25-0-0
,, Mustapha Khan	100-0-0
,, Salabut Jung	16-0-0
Inder Chund Juggut Seit	200-0-0
Seit Obeychund	200-0-0
Seit Bissund Chund	200-0-0
Rajah Oodwunt Sing	400-0-0
Syud Najabut Ally Khan	20-0-0
Nawab Yasooboodeen Ally Khan	20-0-0
Sa.Rs.	2,231-0-0

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Lieutt. & Adjutant Shuldham,
In charge of the Moorshedabad Provl. Battn.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, and in reply to acquaint you, that as I am not aware of any objection to the daily attendance of the Guard at the Battn. lines, with the exception of the requisite sentries, you will issue such orders as you may deem necessary for that purpose.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 20th March 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. Genl.

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C. R. Martin Esqr.,
Judge and Magistrate, Burdwan.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit copy of a Letter from His Highness the Nazim of Bengal, with Copy of my proceedings ; and in compliance with H. H.'s wishes, request the favor of your enquiring into the circumstances of the case mentioned in His Highness's letter.—I am etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 30th March 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. Genl.

[648]

John Ahmuty Esqr.,
Senior Judge of the Court of Appeal and Circuit
at Dacca.

Sir,—His Highness the Nazim of Bengal having requested a letter of introduction for Furrut Oolla Khan, whom he has deputed to investigate the state of the

Nowarrah Mehals and the Boats building at Dacca. In compliance with His Highness's wishes, I beg leave to recommend him to your notice.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 3d April 1820. *A. G. Genl.*

The same to C. Smith Esqr., Judge and Magistrate of Mymensing, and S. Bird Esqr., Judge & Magistrate of Dacca.

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W. C. Blaquire Esquire,
Justice of the Peace for the Town of Calcutta.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit the Petition of Hazaree Mul, the Meer Moonshee of His Highness the Nazim of Bengal, whose son has absconded, and is believed to be in the Town of Calcutta.

2. I have to request the favor of your directing the Officers of the Police to assist in the Search and apprehensions of the Young man, whom the bearer, who is acquainted with his person, will point out.—I am etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, Mordt. Ricketts,
the 3d April 1820. *A. G. Genl.*

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W. T. Smith Esqr.,
Senior Judge of the Court of Appeal & Circuit of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit Copy of a Petition presented by Syud Kafait Hossein, the Muctaar of Nowab Abool Hussun, relative to a case now before your Court, with Copy of my Proceedings.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 4th April 1820. *A. G. Genl.*

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W. T. Smith Esqr.,
Senior Judge of the Court of Appeal and Circuit, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit copy of a letter received from His Highness the Nazim of Bengal, and a list of the property of Oollass Sing, with copy of my proceedings.—I am etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 6th April 1820. *A. G. Genl.*

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C. T. Metcalfe Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th April 1819, transmitting copy of an Extract from the Proceedings of the Most Noble the Governor General in Council in the Territorial Department, under date the 26th February.

2. The delays of His Highness the Nazim in replying to my frequent applications on the subject of the claims of the Nawab of Dacca on account of the Nowarrah Mehals, has hitherto prevented my submitting any decisive explanation of His Highness's objections to meeting the expectations of His Lordship in Council. Indeed the procrastination of His Highness in affairs of a pecuniary nature is almost proverbial; and on the present occasion I have reason to believe he has been guided by the advice of his Father-in-law Nawab Shumsher Jung, whose influence has already been brought to the notice of Government by Mr. Monckton.

3. After repeatedly representing to His Highness the urgent necessity of his coming to some final determination on the claims of Nawab Nusrut Jung, I have now the honor to transmit for the information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council, the translation of a letter received from His Highness, by which it appears he still claims a right to the Revenue of the Chabootra Cutwallee, which has so long been the subject of dispute between their Highnesses; and by what I can collect from His Highness's Conversation, he founds his claim on the supposition that the late Nawab Mozuffer Jung was a servant of the Nazim's, consequently, that what he held by virtue of his office as Magistrate of Bengal, ought in justice to revert to the Nizamut.

4. During an attentive investigation of the accounts, which correspond with those submitted to the Board of Revenue on the 30th Decr. 1816 by Mr. Pakenham the Collector of Mymensing, both His Highness and his Officers persisted in asserting the right of the Nazim to the Chabootra Khutwallee, and exhibited a balance due to H. H. of Sa. Rs. 14,029-5-7¼, denying the justice of Nawab Nusrut Jung's claim amounting to 6,397-6-12, as reported by the Collector of Dacca, under date the 27th Jany. 1819.

5. By the Report of Mr. Pakenham before alluded to, it appears that Gentleman after a perusal of all the papers, was of opinion that the dispute between the Nawabs, as to whom the amount allotted for charges of Chabootra Cutwallee, belong, had been cleared up in the most satisfactory manner, as by a letter from Mr. Day the Collector of Dacca, dated the 23d Augt. 1788, the amount of Nowarrah Jummah unresumed was Sa. Rs. 25,408-10-7. Of which the Nazim was entitled to receive 11,359-7-16¾, and the Nawab of Dacca the remaining 14,048-15-4¼, and Mr. Pakenham expresses a hope that any attempt on the part of either Nizamut to question the distribution after such a lapse of time, would meet the check it merited. As by a letter of Mr. Battye's under date 23d Augt. 1804, it appeared that the same division was made by the Committee of Circuit, and also by the Tenor of the orders of Government in 1788, as to the disposal of the unreserved Jummah, the allotment, as well as the suggestions of Mr. Day, were approved and confirmed, and upon more than one occasion it had been noticed as the unquestionable proportion of the share of the two Nawabs.

6. In the 3d paragraph of the Reply of the Board of Revenue under date the 14th Feby. 1811, the Board state that it does not appear on what grounds this distribution was made, but adverting to the antiquity of it, and the virtual confirmation by the Resolutions of Government of the 17th September following, the Board are of opinion that it should be considered as conclusive, and direct the Collector to submit an amended adjustment of the amount in Deposit on that principle, which received the sanction of the Govr. General in Council on the 28th March 1817.

7. It would appear from the records that the right of Nawab Nusrut Jung to the Chabootra Cutwallee had been incontestably proved. Indeed the circumstances before alluded to as brought forward by His Highness to invalidate this right and establish his own, are by no means tenable.

8. How Nawab Mozuffer Jung could be a servant of the Nazims by holding the appointment of Naib Soubadar does not appear. The stile and title above evince he must have been appointed by Government, which is further supported by his being reinstated after a temporary suspension of that Office (during the administration of Mr. Hastings) by the Court of Directors themselves, in their general letter dated 4th Feby. 1779, and the office of the Magistrate of Bengal he must have held under the British Government.

9. His Highness in his letter admits that the lands in question were attached to the Foujdarry department. It would therefore be a natural conclusion that they had originally been intended to meet the Expenses of the Police or Khutwallee in the quarter where they were situated, and considered as reverting to the Dacca Nizamut. But as these arguments have no weight with H. H., who is guided as before observed by a spirit of avarice and the pernicious councils of his Father-in-law, I am of opinion that he will never be brought to acknowledge the justice of Nawab Nusrut Jung's claim, unless by the interposition of the authority of His Lordship in Council.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 6th April 1820. *A. G. Genl.*

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Major Wm. Collyer,
2d Battn. 18th Regt. N. I., Berhampore.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date relative to the house of Nawab Nusseeroodeen Hyder at Berhampore ; and in reply to acquaint you that I have no charge of the house in question, consequently cannot be considered as the Landlord, but His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council having in consequence of the continued irregularity of Nawab Nusseeroodeen Hyder's conduct (who from confirmed and inveterate habits of intoxications has become quite incapable of managing his own concern) been pleased to place him under the care of a Guardian, and directed me to Enquire into the state of his affairs ; I consider it advisable to direct his Guardian Moolvee Obeydoollah to let the house, for which Rs. 50 P. mensem is deemed an adequate rent. But I cannot be disposed to let it for any specific time, from the uncertainty attending persons in the unfortunate situation to which the Nawab is reduced. Should you approve of these terms I will direct the Moolvee to give you possession of the premises and shall make such arrangements as will preclude the possibility of your being put to any inconvenience ; and in the event of your relinquishing them being requisite, one months previous notice will be given.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agent's Office, M. Ricketts,
the 9th April 1820. *A. G. Genl.*

[654]

W. T. Smith Esqr.,
Senior Judge of the Court of Appeal,
Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit a letter to your address from H. H. the Nazim of Bengal, relative to a Cause now before your Court, in which Oollass Sing is Appellant, together with a copy of my proceedings.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 15th April 1820. *A. G. Genl.*

[655]

His Excellency Monsr. Dyot,
Governor of Chandernagore, &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit letters and papers belonging to the Estate of the late Mons. Bourgoin, Resident of His Most Christian Majesty at Sydabad, who sometime since submitted a case for my consideration, relative to some mercantile transactions he had with a Merchant in the city of Moorshedabad by name Pusseram Ghose.

2d. This affair would long since have been settled by arbitration (as my several letters which will be found amongst the deceased's papers will shew) but was delayed by Mr. Liotard, the person appointed by Mr. Bourgoin having refused to act. Mr. Bourgoin's unfortunate decease now renders it advisable to secure whatever is practicable for his family, without proceeding to a Court of Justice, where if Pusseeram Ghose did not even make good his claims, & there is but too good reason to believe he would from want of proof on Mr. B.'s side, the expenses would probably run away with the sum awarded. I requested therefore the great Banker Juggut Seat, in whose decision Mr. Bourgoin Expressed his readiness sometime ago to abide, to bring Pusseeram Ghose to some settlement, and after considerable difficulty he has prevailed on him, altho' he positively denies any partnership to have existed between him and the de-

ceased to bear one half of the losses, and to pay over the balance of Cash in his hands ; viz:

Balance of Cash in hand			4,950- 7- 8
Interest			2,102- 0- 0
		Sa. Rs.	7,052- 7- 8
Loss on Lac	3,346- 15- 1		
Do. on Cotton	198- 9- 0		
Half share of	3,545- 8- 1	is	1,772-12- 0
	Balance payable		5,279-11- 0

3d. Under all the circumstances of the case I strongly recommend the family to authorize me, or any one else, to close with the proposal, but their acceptance of it is perfectly optional.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 22d April 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. Genl.

[656]

Wm. Lowther Esqr.,
Judge and Magistrate, Rungpore.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit copy of a letter received from His Highness the Nazim of Bengal with Copy of a petition from Budeanaut Aumeen, and of my proceedings. I have to request the favor of your enquiring into the circumstances stated in His Highness's Letter.—I am etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 2d May 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. Genl.

[657]

Mons. J. Dayot,
Chief of the French Establishment in Bengal,
Chandernagore.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th Ultimo, and to acquaint you that in compliance with your request, and by virtue of the authority therein contained, I called upon Gossein Ramhil Gheer to pay the amount awarded as due from him to the Estate of the late Mons. Bourgoin, and with much difficulty prevailed on him to pay 5,000 Rs., for which I have the pleasure to enclose a Hoondi on the house of Juggut Seit, Khoosheal Chund, & Baboo Govind Chund.

2. Altho' the sum received is Rs. 279-11-8 less than that stated in my letter of the 22d Ultimo, yet considering the nature of the transactions between the Deceased and the Gossein, I deemed it most advisable to settle the Affair without further discussion, which might probably be productive of results very opposite to those intended, and prejudicial to the Interests of his family—and I have to request the favor of your granting me on behalf (or to procure for me) of the legal Heirs, a Receipt in full of all demands for Gossein Ramhil Gheer and Gossein Runjeeb Gheer, exonerating them from all further claims, or claim whatsoever ; and returning to them all their letters and vouchers that must be among the papers of the deceased, and which they are very anxious to obtain.

3. In having it in my power to afford assistance to a Widow and Children deprived of the protection and support of so excellent a man as Mons. Bourgoin has been a source of considerable satisfaction, independant of the gratification I experienced from the acknowledgements you was pleased to offer for the trifling services rendered by me on this occasion.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 3d May 1820.

Mordt. Ricketts,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[658]

W. H. Tippett Esqr.,
Judge and Magistrate at Patna.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit copy of a petition presented to me by Gopal Chowdry, Surveyor of Betelleaf to His Highness the Nazim ; and, if there exist no objection, to request the favor of your complying with the prayer of the Petitioner.—I am etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 5th May 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. Genl.

The same to C. Lindsay Esqr., Collector of Govt. Customs at Patna.

[659]

J. W. Paxton Esqr.,
Collector of Government Customs, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to transmit for your information, Copy of a list received from the Deputy Collector of Customs at Benares, of articles dispatched on account of Her Highness the Walida Begum.—I am etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 8th May 1820.

Mordt. Ricketts,
Agent Govr. Genl.

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T. Turner Esqr.,
Berhampore.

Sir,—His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council having deemed it advisable to place Nawab Nussuroodeen Hyder under the care of a Guardian, Molavie Obeydoollah has been appointed to that situation, and having been directed to furnish an Account of the sums due to the Nawab, there is a demand

against you of 900 Rupees ; which, if correct, you will have the goodness to forward to me.—I am etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 8th May 1820.

Mordt. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[661]

E. Parry Esqr.,
Judge and Magistrate, Bhaugulpore.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit copy of a letter from Mariam Begum, with copy of my Proceedings, and to request the favor of your Enquiring into the Circumstances stated in the Begum's letter ; feeling assured of her meeting with every satisfaction the Case may require.—I am etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 9th May 1820.

Mordt. Ricketts,
A. G. Genl.

[662]

R. Morrieson Esqr.,
Judge and Magistrate of Beerbhoom.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a letter to the Civil Surgeon of the District under your charge, and beg you will have the goodness to forward it to him.—I am etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 10th May 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. Genl.

Enclosure
J. Hutchinson Esqr.,
Civil Surgeon, Beerbhoom.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to transmit a letter to your address from His Highness the Nazim of Bengal, together with an acknowledgement of 500 Rs. for the services you rendered him whilst at Beerbhoom ; and I shall be greatly obliged by your favoring me with your opinion on the state of His Highness's health.—I am etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 10th May 1820.

Mordt. Ricketts,
A. G. Genl.

[663]

W. H. Tippett Esqr.,
Judge and Magistrate, Patna.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit copy of a letter received from H. H. the Nazim of Bengal, together with a copy of the Petition presented by Doorgapersaud, Moonshee of Nujmoodeen Ally Gunge, and of my proceedings; and, in compliance with the wishes of His Highness, to request the favor of your enquiring into the circumstances stated by the Petitioner.—I am etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 12th May 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. Genl.

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C. T. Metcalfe Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit for the consideration of the Most Noble the Governor General in Council, copies of a correspondence which has taken place between Mr. F. Magniac, the Acting Judge and Magistrate of this district, and myself.

2d. The subject which gave rise to it was a reference from Seit Bissund Chund, youngest son of Juggut Seit Hurruk Chund, the late opulent Banker of Moorshedabad, in consequence of the Magistrate having issued a Purwannah, contrary to the practice heretofore observed in conveying the orders of the Court (which was by letter), and also of an omission of the stile of address.

3. I submitted to the Magistrate copies of Seit Bissund Chund's letter, the Purwannah and my proceedings, contained in Enclosure (A), which were returned accompanied by B, to which, with the view of avoiding a similar misconstruction of the motives which induced me to address the Magistrate, C & D succeeded.

4. Nothing could be more foreign to either my wishes or intention than that of interfering with the judicial authority of the Magistrate, which I trust will be clearly evinced by the tenor of my letter and proceedings (A). In the former I merely expressed my confidence of the Magistrate's meeting the wishes of Seit Bissund Chund, if no objection existed: and in the latter, stated an opinion that some mistake might have occurred, particularly as a letter under the Seal of Mr. Magniac was transmitted by Bissund Chund in support of his assertion of what had hitherto been the custom observed towards him. With respect to the cause pending I had nothing to do ; as, in the event of Bissund Chund considering the operation of the Orders of the Police as oppressive, he had his resource in the Court of Appeal and Circuit. My address consequently was only to obtain the courtesy which was usually practised in addressing natives of respectability, and to which the rank of the party Entitled him. I was consequently not a little surprized at the mode of conduct adopted by the Acting Magistrate, in returning my proceedings in open Court.

5. As Agent to the Most Noble the Governor General, independently of being Superintendent of Nizamut Affairs, I consider that all matters which do not interfere with the police, or with duties for which public officers are especially appointed, are within my department, and particularly so matters of Etiquette, as natives of rank have no other channel thro' which they can make known grievances of this description ; and as the minutiae of form in stile of address is consi-

dered by natives in general as a point of considerable importance, and any omission as an indignity offered them, I conceive myself therefore justified in having submitted the letter of Seit Bissund Chund to the Magistrate, which has been construed by him into an interference with his official powers, and productive of the premature measure above stated.

6. If I have rightly considered the nature of the office of Agent of the Governor General, His Lordship in Council will I hope, when directing the communication in Consequence to be made to the Magistrate, deem it advisable also to instruct him, that in future when doubts may exist, to refer to Government, and not, as in the present instance, to expose and degrade the immediate channel of communication with the Governor General by refusing, in a public manner, to receive the proceedings of his Agent.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 17th May 1820.

Mordaunt Ricketts,
A. G. Genl.

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F. Macnaughten Esqr.,
Commercial Resident at Malda.

Sir,—His Highness the Nawab having deputed his Darogah, Mirza Nisser Hosein, as has been annually customary, to procure Mangoes at Malda, has requested me to furnish the Darogah with this Letter, and to beg your attention to any application he may eventually find it necessary to prefer to you.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
May 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. Genl.

The same to T. G. Nibart Esqr., Joint Magistrate, Malda.
Do. E. Maxwell Esqr., Judge & Magistrate, Dinagepoor.
Do. C. Dawes Esqr., Judge & Magistrate, Purneah.

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D. McFarlane Esqr.,
Joint Magistrate, Monghyr.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit a Persian letter to the address of Nawab Abool Hussun, with Copy of my proceedings, and to request the favor of your forwarding the Letter to the Nawab.—I am etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 19th May 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. Genl.

[667]

N. F. Lind Esqr.,
Acting Collector, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I cannot allow Mr. Burnett to leave this office for the Situation you have been kind enough to nominate him to (the Registrar of the Collectorship) without bearing testimony to his attention, Industry and activity in business, and feel confident that altho' he may not in some points pass his examination before the Member of the Board on Deputation, yet he possesses abilities and application to acquire in a short time whatever may be requisite.

2d. He holds the Indenture of his servitude to Government and other Testimonials highly Creditable to him in addition to this claim, I must be excused mentioning one which altho', in a public point of view, can be of no avail, yet on the score of humanity may have some weight.

3d. By being the Illegitimate son of the late Coll. Burtt. he has not been able to succeed to the few thousand rupees left by his father which is now actually in the hands of the Register of the Supreme Court —while he supports his mother, and affords frequent assistance, to a younger Brother, and Sister from his small allowances.

4. I request the favour of you to bring these circumstances respecting Mr. Burnett to the notice of Mr. S., When you send him to that Gentleman for examination.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 19th May 1820.

M. Ricketts,
Agt. G. Gl.

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J. Curtis Esqr.,
Acting Judge & Magistrate, Rungpore.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 11th Current with enclosure and in reply to acquaint you as there is some irregularity in the form of the letter addressed to H. H. the Nazim of Bengal the date being inserted at the bottom instead of on the envelope, and as it is Signed by the Assistant Judge, and not as has hitherto been the Custom in communications of this nature by the Judge and Magistrate. I beg to return it for the required alterations.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 22d May 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. Gl.

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A. Smelt Esqr.,
Collector of Government Customs, Dacca.

Sir,—H. H. the Nazim of Bengal has deputed Mirza Curreem Oollah Beg to dispatch 10,000 Mds. of Chunem from Sulhet. I have therefore to request that you will be pleased to pass the same on application being made. —I am etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 30th May 1820.

M. Ricketts,
Agt. G. Gl.

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J. P. Larkins Esqr.,
Chairman of the Committee for Erecting by Subscription a Statue to the Memory of the late Warren Hastings, Calcutta.

Sir,—In addition to the amount of subscription transmitted on the 9th March last, I have now the honor to Enclose a Bank of Bengal Note for 1,000 Rs. from Koomar Hurrinauth Roy the son of the late Rajah Lokenauth and Grandson of Baboo Kishen Khaunt the Dewan of the late Mr. Hastings, who has hitherto been prevented from giving this Testimony of his respect for the memory of that illustrious Statesman by some urgent family affairs.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 7th June 1820.

M. Ricketts,
Agt. G. Gl.

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Coll. A. McLeod C.B.,
His Majesty's 59th Foot, Commanding,
Berhampore.

Sir,—His Highness the Nazim of Bengal is desirous of firing a salute on the Accession of His Majesty George the fourth, the Nizamut Guns being very old and defective he has requested that he might be indulged with three field Pieces for that purpose and he will supply the Powder I have therefore to request the favor of your meeting the wishes of H. H. if there Exists no objection. —I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 17th June 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

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Lieut. & Adjutant Shuldham,
Commanding the Moorshedabad Provincial Battalion.

Sir,—Jynauth Ghose protemporary Acting Naib Dewan of the Nizamut has presented a Petition to me complaining of the Irregularities committed by the Sepoys composing the Guard of the Custom House, in Laul Bazar—the property of H. H. the Nazim of Bengal, where they frequently take what they require by force.

I have therefore to request the favor of your Issuing such orders as you may deem requisite for preventing the repetition of such conduct in future.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 23rd June 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

The same to J. W. Paxton Esqr., Collector of Govt. Customs, Moorshedabad.

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John Beckett Esqr.,
Calcutta.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the rect. of your two Letters, but not having had an Interview with H. H. the Nazim, I have hithterto been prevented replying ; which I hope to do in the course of a few days.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 23d June 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

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D. McFarlane Esqr.,
Joint Magistrate, Monghyr.

Sir,—Nawaub Roushun ud Dowlah the uncle of H. H. the Nazim of Bengal having left Lucknow for Monghyr, I have to request the favor of your acquainting me with his arrival when it takes place and shewing him such attentions as are due to his High Rank & Birth. —I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 29th June 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

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J. W. Paxton Esqr.,
Collector of Govt. Customs, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the rect. of your letter of 29 Current in reply to my communication of the 23d relative to the irregularities of the Seapoys composing the Guard of the Custom House.

2d. With the view of Guarding against similar conduct in future I addressed Lieut. and Adjutant Shuldham Commanding the Provincial Battalion ad Interim, who has cautioned the Guard under his command—and if you will do me the favor of issuing similar orders to that composed of the Sebundy Corps, I trust there will be no further cause for complaint.

3rd. But in the Event of any further representations on the part of Jaynauth Ghose, he will be directed to Identify the offenders.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 30th June 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

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J. W. Paxton Esqr.,
Collector of Government Customs, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit copy of a letter received from Nawaub Meer Mehndee, and to request the

favor of your compliance with the Nawaub's request, if there Exists no objection.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 4 July 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[677]

D. McFarlane Esqr.,
Joint Magistrate, Monghyr.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit a letter to the address of Nawaub Roshun ud Dowlah and request the favor of your forwarding the same to the Nawaub, at the same time acquainting him that the Most Noble the Govr. Genl. in Council has been pleased with the concurrence of His Highness the Nazim to permit his return to Moorshedabad.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 8th July 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[678]

W. T. Smith Esqr.,
Senior Judge of the Court of Appeal, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit Copy of a letter and Enclosures received from H. H. the Nazim, with copy of my Proceedings and to request the favor of your Enquiring into the Circumstances stated by the petitioner.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 19th July 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[679]

J. W. Paxton Esqr.,
Collector of Govt. Customs, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit a letter from Nawaub Meer Mehndee to your address with Copy of my Proceedings, and to request the favor of your complying with the Nawaub's wishes, if there Exists no objection.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 21st July 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

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John Beckett Esqr.,
Calcutta.

Sir,—With reference to my letter of the 23d Ultimo having had an interview with His Highness the Nazim of Bengal, I have the pleasure to acquaint you that after various efforts on the part of His Highness, to evade giving any decisive reply, I at length succeeded in obtaining the Colt, which I have sent to Messrs P. Moran & Co. Berhampore, you will therefore have the goodness to send some Person to take charge of it together with a Rect. in Persian for the satisfaction of His Highness.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 21st July 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

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G. Chester Esqr.,
Commercial Resident, Patna.

Sir,—I have the Honor to acknowledge the rect. of your letter of the 1st Current delivered by your Burdar.

2d. The Salt Petre has been received by the Darogah of the Meer Samaunee on the Part of His Highness the Nazim, and turns out Maunds of 79-6 Sicca, nine hundred and three, and thirty seers, for which the Rect. of that officer is enclosed.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 21st July 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

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D. McFarlane Esqr.,
Joint Magistrate, Monghyr.

Sir,—In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 15th currt., I called upon Nawaub Roshun ud Dowlah for the paymt. of the Five Hundred Rupees, and have now the pleasure to enclose a Hoondie on the House of Rogonauth Doss, and Hunnawar Doss, Burrah Bazar, Calcutta for that amount.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 31 July 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

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Reehun Nissa Begum . Appt.
Vs.
Behawree Hulwhye . Respt.

W. T. Smith Esqr., Senior Judge
Sir Roger Martin Bart.

D. Morrieson
&
G. French
} Esqrs.,

Judges of the Court of Appeal and Circuit,
Moorshedabad.

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to transmit copy of Proceedings in this Cause, in reply to one received

from your Court under date the 4th Current.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th August 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

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R. Morrieson Esqr.,
Judge and Magistrate of Zillah Beerbhoom.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th Augt. last transmitting a Perwannah to the address of Reehmun Nissaur Begum.

As it is contrary to the usual custom to send Perwannahs to any of the members of His Highness the Nazim's Family—(The Begum being a Daughter of the late Maubarack ud Dowlah) and there being also some irregularity in the form of address, I beg to return it for the requisite alteration.

My having been detained in Calcutta by Indisposition, prevented my earlier replying to your letter.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 16th September 1820.

M. Ricketts,
Agent Govr. Genl.

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V. D. Bouman Esqr.
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—With reference to your Verbal communication and to your letter of Yesterday, I have now the pleasure to send you the amount viz. 1,600 Rupees due by the Nawaub Roshun ood Dowlah to Mr. Vanas and request you will forward to me that Gentleman's Receipt in full of all Demands on the Nawaub.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 5th Oct. 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

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C. T. Metcalfe Esqr.,
Secretary to Govt. in the Political Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the rect. of your letter of the 14th current, transmitting copy of an order by the Govr. General in Council, and to enclose the Oath therein prescribed sworn before Sir Roger Martin Bart., Acting Senior Judge of the Provincial Court of Appeal and Circuit Division of Moorshedabad.

2nd. The wishes of His Lordship have already been anticipated at this station with respect to presents, during the period I have held the situation of Agent, none have been either given, or received, or has it (so far as I can ascertain) been customary to do so, for a number of years, with the exception of some fruit &ca. sent by the Principal members of the Nizamut on Festivals.

3rd. I am not aware of His Highness the Nazim having made any Presents to Visitors, excepting once when he received the Baron D' Richemont Superintendent of the French Establishments in India, on which occasion the Ladies who accompanied him received shawls of an inferior quality, and from the tenor of the 5th paragraph of your letter I conclude that presents of this description are in future to be carried to the public account.

4th. Nuzzars in Cash whenever tendered by any member of the Nizamut are invariably returned, in conformity with the orders of Government to that effect upon record in this office.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 31 Oct. 1820.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

Enclosure

I Mordaunt Ricketts appointed to the office of Agent to the Govr. General at the City of Moorshedabad, solemnly swear that I will faithfully and diligently discharge the Duties of the said Office: that I will duly account to Government for all presents or Nuzzars in money or Effects of any Kind which I may receive from any Natives whomsoever, that I will not engage in any commercial concerns that I will not have any pecuniary dealings whatsoever with any Native States, Princes, or Chieftains, their Ministers, Officers or Dependants, except in the course of my public Duty ; that I will not permit any persons whatsoever to exact or receive any emolument or advantage (other than their authorized salaries or allowances) on acct. of any matter or from any consideration connected with my official station: and that I will not derive directly or indirectly, any emoluments or advantages from my office, but such as the orders of the Governor General in Council do, or may authorize me to receive.

"So help me God."

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Lieut. Coll. R. Morrel,
Commanding Moorshedabad Provincial Battalion,
Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In consequence of the demise of Nawaub Delawer Jung the Eldest son of the late Nawaub Mozuffer Jung who was an old and faithful adherent of the British Government and Naib Nazim of Bengal, Behar & Orissa, I have to request the favor of your ordering a Guard of 60 Sepoys to attend the Funeral at

the late Nawaub's Residence at Nawsawk ; it being customary to shew such mark of attention to Persons of His Rank and respectability.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 20th November 1820. *A. G. G.*

The same to Coll. A. McLeod C. B.—H. M. 59th Foot —Berhampore.

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Lieutt. Coll. Parlby,
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—The Governor General in Council having been pleased to sanction the erection of a Wall round the Musselmen Burying-ground at Juffier Gunge, I request the favor of you to appoint a Day to visit the place—when one of H.H.'s Officers will attend you, and point out, the length, height & breadth, the wall is required to be ; & you will be good enough to favor me with a sketch of the estimated expense as soon as convenient.—I am etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 24th Novr. 1820. *A. G. G.*

[689]

J. W. Paxton Esqr.,
Collector of Government Customs, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to transmit Lists of the remaining Cloths for the Bengal years 1225 & 1226 ordered by Her Highness the Walida Begum, together with a list of those required for the use of Deuries for the year 1227.

2nd. Her Highness's Moonshee Mahomed Achmull will apply to you for such Cloths as may have arrived, which I request you will pass free of Duties with reference to my letters of the 19th April & 21st October 1819. —I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 11 Decr. *A. G. G.*

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G. Swinton Esqr.,
Secretary to Govt. in the Secret & Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—As a sequel to my letter of the 31st November I beg leave to acquaint you that the age of her late Highness the Walidah Begum was 64 years.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, F. Magniac,
the 2d Jany. 1821. *A. A. G. G.*

[691]

G. Swinton Esqr.,
Acting Secretary to Govt. in the Secret and Political Department, Fort William.

Sir,—In the absence of the Governor Genl. Agent and in consequence of instructions received from the Acting Private Secretary that if anything of importance or Necessity should occur during Mr. Ricketts absence I was to consider myself as the channel of communication. I beg leave to report for the information of the Government that Her Highness Fyzunnissa the Walidah Begum died last night at O'clock.

2d. The Seals of His Highness the Nazim and of the Agent have been placed over the Personal property until directions for the mode of proceeding can be obtained. —I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moord., F. Magniac,
the 2nd Jany. 1821. *A. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Acting Persian Secretary to Govt., Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit for the purpose of being laid before the Most Noble the Governor General a letter addressed by me the day to the Acting Secretary to Government in the Secret & Political Department.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, F. Magniac,
the 2nd Jany. 1821. *A. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Acting Persian Secretary to Govt., Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a letter from His Highness the Nazim, to the address of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General on the occasion of the death of Her late Highness the Walidah Begum. —I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, F. Magniac,
the 5th Jany. 1821. *A. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Acting Persian Secretary to Govt., Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a letter from Juggut Seth, Indur Chund, to the address of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General the letter was accompanied by a Nuzzur of 7 Gd. Mhrs. which in observance

of the rules adopted on these occasions has been returned. —I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, F. Magniac,
the 18th Jany. 1821. *A. A. G. G.*

[695]

H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Acting Persian Secretary to Govt., Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose 2 letters from the Nuwaub Soulut Jung, One to the address of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General & the other to your address. The letters were accompanied by a Nuzzur of 25 Gd. Mhrs. which conformably to custom has been returned.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, F. Magniac,
the 27th Jany. 1821. *A. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Acting Persian Secretary to Govt., Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose two letters from His Highness the Nazim to the address of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, F. Magniac,
the 12th Feby. 1821. *A. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Acting Persian Secretary to Govt., Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose a letter from Seth Bishen Chund to the address of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, F. Magniac,
the 17th Feby. 1821. *A. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Acting Persian Secretary to Govt., Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose two letters from the Nuwaub Meer Mehndee, one of the Uncles of His Highness the Nazim, one to the address of His Excellency the Most Noble the Govr. Genl. & the other to your address, communicating the death of Fukhur Jehaun Begum.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, F. Magniac,
the 5th March 1821. *A. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Govt., Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward 6 letters from the Nuwaub Soulut Jung one to the address of His Excellency the Most Noble the Govr. General one to the address of the Hon'ble Jus. Stuart Esqr. one to the address of the Hon'bles J. Adams & J. Fendale Esqrs. respecting one to the address of Mr. G. Swinton & two to your own address all relating to the death of the late Nuwaub Dillawar Jung.

2nd. Those letters were received previously to my taking charge of the office of Agent to the Governor General but in consequence of the Record Almirah being closed & the Agent having taken the Keys with him when he left Moorshedabad they have only now come into my possession.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, F. Magniac,
the 15th March 1821. *A. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Govt., Fort William.

Sir,—On receiving charge of the Keys of the Records of the office of Agent to the Governor General & in opening the Almirah 4 letters were found from the late Nuwaub Dillawar Jung sent previously to His death to the Agent for the purpose of being forwarded to their several address but in consequence of some oversight they still remained in the Office. I have now the honor of transmitting them one to the address of the Most Noble the Governor General and one to the address of the Marchioness of Hastings acknowledging the receipt of a Work box which the Marchioness had done Bunnee Begum the Widow of the late Masheer Jung the honor of conferring on her. The two other letters are to your own address congratulating you on your appointment to the Office of Persian Secretary to Govt.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, F. Magniac,
the 15th March 1821. *A. A. G. G.*

[701]

H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a letter from the Nuwaub Soulut Jung to the address of His Excellency

the Most Noble the Governor General on the occasion of His Lordship having been pleased to distinguish the Nawaub with a Khelaut of condolence on the death of his father the late Nawaub Delawar Jung.

2nd. I also beg leave to forward a letter to your own address.

3d. Soulut Jung has expressed himself highly flattered by the distinction which has been bestowed upon him, but he has observed that on similar occasions it has been usual to vest the person in a public manner with the Khelaat.

4. A reference to the proceedings adopted in former occasions I find his statement to be correct but having been directed by you on the receipt of the Khelaat to transmit it to him & I did not conceive myself authorized to deviate from my instructions.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
the 17th March 1821.

F. Magniac,
A. A. G. G.

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Govt., Fort William.

Sir,—I forgot to mention that a Nuzzur of 25 Gd. Mhrs. accompanied the letter which I had the honor to forward on the 17th Instant from the Nawaub Soulut Jung to the address of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General which as usual was returned.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 20th March 1821.

F. Magniac,
A. A. G. G.

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The Joint Magistrate, Maldah.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose the Copy of a letter from His Highness the Nawaub together with the Copy of a petition presented to the Nazim by Nessar Hussein the Darogah of the Umbadally, for your information.—I am etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 24th March 1821.

F. Magniac,
A. A. G. G.

[704]

J. Jameson Esqr.,
Clerk to the Committee of Stationery, Calcutta.

Sir,—I observe from your letter of the 12th of January last that the Estimate of Stationery for the use of the office of Agent to the Governor General has been passed in the Current year. The stationery however has not yet been received & very Great inconvenience is experienced in consequence I shall therefore be obliged by your forwarding it with the least possible delay.

2d. The receipt shall be forwarded with my signature as soon as the stationery arrives.—I am etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 24th March 1821.

F. Magniac,
A. A. G. G.

[705]

J. Jameson Esqr.,
Clerk to the Committee of Stationery, Calcutta.

Sir,—I beg leave to return the receipt for the stationery for the Agents Office with my signature.—I am etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 27th March 1821.

F. Magniac,
A. A. G. G.

Received from the Hon'ble Company's Stationery warehouse the following articles of Stationery allowed by the Committee on my Estimate for the year 1821

	Received in 1821
Tape	14
General Letter	10 Quires
Consultation	9 Do.
Folio Post	14 Do.
Foolscap	18 Qrs.
Straps	3
Penknives Ivory handles	6
Glass Inkstand	2
Sealing wax	72
Wafers	4 Boxes
Marble	1 Qr.
Blotting Paper	4 Do.
Black Ink	18
Red Do.	3
Paste Board	12
India Rubber	1 Piece
Pencils	12
Quills	500
Sand	2 Srs.
Do. Boxes	3

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 27th March 1821.

F. Magniac,
A. A. G. G.

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit a letter to the address of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor

General from Mohummud Udee Khan on the occasion of his having a Khelaut of Condolence for the death of her Grand-Father the late Nawaub Dellawur Jung, conferred on him by His Lordship—The letter was accompanied by a Nuzzur of 5 Gd. Mhrs. which as is customary has been returned.

2d. I also beg leave to enclose a letter to your own address on the same occasion. --I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 2d April 1821.

F. Magniac,
A. A. G. G.

[707]

H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—In the absence of the Governor General's Agent it devolved upon me to communicate for the information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council, the death of Her Highness the Walidah Begum on the 7 December last but in consequence of it being expected that Mr. Ricketts would speedily resume charge of his office, the necessary report respecting a successor to her late Highness's situation was delayed.

2d. Circumstances having occurred which obliged the Agent to be absent for a protracted period and deeming any further delay in proposing the arrangement to be adopted unadvisable, I proceed to lay before His Lordship in Council such information as may appear to be essential to the proper adjustment of the rights of the several individuals who may seem to have a claim to the succession.

3d. In the first place as intimately connected with this subject, I have the honor to transmit a letter from His Highness the Nawaub to the address of the Most Noble the Governor General in which the Nazim expresses his earnest & confident hope that His Lordship in Council will be pleased to confer the honor & dignities enjoyed by the late Walidah Begum on Ameerunissa Begum the youngest of His Highness's wives, the Nawaub has two wives the Bohoo Begum & Ameer Unnissa usually denominated the Dhoolun Begum, the reason assigned by the Nawaub for preferring the Claims of the younger to those of the elder Begum is that Ameer Unnissa possesses in her own right an affinity & relationship to His Highness's family, while the other is of low birth and extraction tho' the rank and respectability which she enjoys, is derived entirely from her Marriage with His Highness.

4th. It appears to be reasonable & proper that one of the Begums of the Nazim who is in possession of the Musnud should hold the first place and rank among the Ladies of the Muhul Serae, but reason & propriety are in the present case somewhat at variance with the customs of the country and of the Mahomedans, for when a Grand-Mother or Mother of the reigning Nawaub is living her claim has generally been considered superior to that of the Nawaubs wives, as in the instances of the Bubboo, Munnee & Walidah Begums, the death however of the latter has cleared the field of Competitors of this description and left only the two wives of His Highness to contend for the succession.

5. The only person independent of the two Begum's above alluded to, who can under any pretence be considered to have a claim to participate in the honors & dignities of the situation left vacant by the demise of the Walidah Begum is Shurruf Unnissa Khanum the Mother of the Nawaub Monglee one of the Nazims Uncles and one of the Numerous wives of an inferior rank of the late Nawaub Moobaruck Uddowlah, the father of his present Highness whether this Lady proposes to come forward as a candidate seems doubtful as no application has been made on her part on the subject brought to my notice but whether she stands forward as a competitor or not it appears reasonable & just that due consideration should be given to her pretensions, & that His Lordship in Council should be fully informed of her situation & connexion with the Nizamut. She is a wife of an inferior degree of the late Mobaureck ooddowlah & Mother of Meer Mohumud Kasim commonly called Nawaub Munglee but as neither her son nor any of her Decendants have succeeded or are likely ever to succeed to the Musnud I confess her pretentions seem to me to be light & trivial when opposed to the stronger and more forcible ones of His Highness's own wives.

6th. The late Walidah Begum independent of holding the first rank among the Ladies of the Muhul Serae & the Stipend attached to the situation & exercising a controul over the Dewries enjoys other privileges such as the distribution of the salaries allowed to the old Dependants of the Munny Begum, now the policy of entrusting the whole of these advantages to one so nearly connected with the Nawaub as his Consort may perhaps be doubted as tending an influence which might be used perniciously and it was on this ground that in a late visit which I paid to His Highness, I introduced the subject & suggested the expediency of Making a division in the privileges and advantages attached to the situation clearly at the same time stating my conviction that the Doolun Begum was under every circumstance entitled to hold the first place in point of rank among the ladies of the Muhul, the Communication was received without any symptoms of surprise or impatience and he even acknowledges the Justice of what was urged, but observed that admitting a participator in the honors & advantages attending the situation was the way for the admission of Wrangling quarrels & disputes in the Muhul which would be the occasion of Constant vexation to himself & of endless reference & trouble to the Govt. on more mature deliberation on the subject I became so satisfied of the justness of His Highness's observation that I gave up the plan of participation which had previously suggested itself to my mind.

7. On a full consideration of all the Circumstances attending the present question I am clearly of opinion that the most suitable arrangement which can be made, will be to invest the Dhoolun Begum with all the honors & advantages enjoyed by the late Walidah Begum in-

cluding the controul over the Dewries and the distribution of the pension granted to the Dependants of the late Munny Begum that she should be installed in the apartments which are at present being erected for the late Walidah Begum and which are nearly completed. On her taking possession of this situation the stipend which the Dhoolun Begum at present enjoy of 2,000 Rs. Pr. Month will of course cease & it will then become a matter of consideration whether this [sum] is to be resumed for the benefit of the Nizamut Fund, or whether the whole or any part of it shall be distributed as an allowance either to the Bohoo Begum or to Shurruf Unissa Khanum allusion to whose situation has already been made.

8. It will further be necessary to determine to which of the two Ladies in question the possession of the apartments late occupied by the Walidah Begum shall be given—His Highness the Nazim can scarcely with any reason expect that all the advantages of the two situations should be vested in the members of his own family. This subject will however be more properly considered in a separate Report which on the question of the succession being decided it will become the duty of the Agent to submit as well as the Necessity of making any and what arrangement for providing for the Dependants of the late Walidah Begum and to whom the distribution of whatever pensions it may be found requisite to grant shall be given.

9. I avail myself of this opportunity to solicit some instructions with respect to the removal of the seals of the Agents Office which were affixed to the several doors of the Rooms which contained the property of Her late Highness the Walidah Begum.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, Fry. Magniac,
the 2d April 1821. *A. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to report to you for the information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council that I arrived at this station yesterday ; and that I have this day received charge of the Office of the Agent to the Governor General with His Highness the Nazim of Bengal from Mr. Fry. Magniac. —I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, F. W. Russell,
the 3rd April 1821. *A. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to Govt., Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to inform you that on Thursday the 12th Instant I presented to Nawaub Soulut Jung in the presence of all the Native Gentleman of Moorshedabad the Khellaut which had been sent to the late officiating Agent Mr. Magniac but which (owing to a reference that had been made to the Government) had not been delivered with the usual Ceremonies previous to my arrival.

Thursday having been considered a propitious Day the Nawaub earnestly solicited me to fix upon it for the Investiture which was accordingly done.

After the Ceremony the Nawaub presented to me for the Most Noble the Governor General a Nuzzur of 25 Gold Mohurs & requested me to express to you for His Excellencys information the deep sense he entertained of the honor which had been conferred upon him & the gratitude he felt at such marks of His Lordships favor.

I have the pleasure to enclose two letters which the Nawaub has sent to me one for the Most Noble the Governor General the other for you.

I beg leave to state I conceived it would be a sufficient mark of acknowledging the money being accepted merely to place my hand upon it & allow it to be restored with this mode the Nawaub appeared perfectly satisfied.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, F. W. Russell,
the 16th April 1821. *A. A. G. G.*

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The Collector of Baugulpore.

Sir,—I request you will do me the honor to inform me up to what date you have paid Meer Abool Hussun his monthly stipend—and the reason of its having been discontinued if such should have been the case.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, F. W. Russell,
the 16th April 1821. *A. A. G. G.*

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W. T. Smith Esqr.,
Senior Judge of the Court of Appeal,
Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a letter from Nawaub Meer Mendhee.

I have the honor to be Sir your Most obedient Humble servant.

Moorshedabad, F. W. Russell,
the 21st April 1821. *A. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor

General in Council that formerly the Nazim appropriated a small House in the City as a Cutchery for the Agent of the Governor General at this Station this Residence being near the Ghaut by which H. H. crosses the River, the Nazim proposed to me upon my first visit to him that I should occupy a small House (formerly the Cutchery of the Court of Appeal near Chumpapokur) until I could procure a more suitable Residence instead of the usual one in the City.

I request you will do me the favor to inform me if His Excellency the Governor General in Council would approve of my residing in H. H.'s house until the Nishaut Baug now under repairs can be ready for my Reception. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 23rd April 1821. F. W. Russell.

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government.

Sir,—I had the honor to receive your letter dated April 7,1821 enclosing a translation of a Petition from Syed Abool Hussan requesting to be paid the Arrears of his salary & to be allowed to return to Moorshedabad & calling for my opinion on the subject upon Syed Abool Hussen being ordered to quit Moorshedabad his Creditors made a representation to H. H. requesting that part of his salary might be appropriated toward defraying his Debts. H. H. referred the Business to Mr. Ricketts, who sent an account to Syed Abool Hussen & solicited an answer to it. With this request he did not think proper to comply upon which Mr. Ricketts declined sending any order for his pension being paid until the Necessary Reply should have been made as one of the chief reasons for Syed Abool Hussen being directed to quit Moorshedabad was for personally insulting H. H. the Nazim I considered it would be more decorous to enquire if H. H. had any objection to his return previous to my offering any opinion on the subject H. H. has sent an equivocal reply but from it I conclude Syed Abool Hussens presense in the City would not be pleasing to H. H.

I beg leave to acquaint you for the information of the Most Noble the Governor General in Council that Syed Abool Hussen has not complied on the smallest degree with the orders of the Government to remaining at Monghir or at Bhaugulpore previous to my arrival he was I have been informed for sometime residing in a Garden near this City but for the last fortnight I have been unable to discover where he has taken up his abode.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 24th April 1821. F. W. Russell.

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government.

Sir,—Owing to Mr. Ricketts long and severe indisposition, which compelled him to leave this station for the Cape of Good Hope he was unable minutely to attend to all the minor Duties of this Office for some months previous to his Departure in consequence much of the business has fallen into arrears—As the Death of the Waulidah Begum & of Nawaub Delawer Jung, together with the settlement of the accounts of the Nizamut for the last two years have thrown considerable more business than usual upon me, I trust that the Government will permit me to entertain a respectable European for a short period to assist me in collecting copying and arranging the various important Documents belonging to this Office.

As this business must be entrusted to a Person who is not only a respectable man but one above the Rank of a Common European writer, I would beg leave to solicit that a salary of 150 Rupees Per mensem might be allowed him during the time I might find it absolutely necessary to give him employment.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 25th April 1821. F. W. Russell.

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council that in consequence of the Indisposition of H. H. the Nazim of Bengal I was unable to present myself to him until the 10th Instant, when accompanied by Mr. Magniac the late Officiating Agent, I visited his H. H. at his House at Chumpapoker: as His H. did not receive me according to the usual Etiquette. I considered it would be proper to notice the circumstance by letter in order to prevent its recurrence, in consequence I addressed him in a Letter, which I sent to him on the following day.

His Highness did me the honor to return my visit on the 29th Instant, I received him in a small house that belongs to H. H. near Chumpapoker (formerly the Kutchery of the Court of Appeal) he was still very unwell, and as it was merely a visit of Ceremony I did not enter upon any Points of Business H. H. however alluded to my letter of the 11th instant relative to the ceremonial of my reception and said that the circumstance arose from his being afraid on account of his ill health to venture into the Varandah to receive me ; but in future, the ceremonial heretofore customary should be rigidly adhered to –he added that continued indisposition had prevented his returning my visit sooner, & he hoped that every Interview between us would tend to our Mutual satisfaction. The conversation was chiefly of a complimentary nature, but just as he was departing he said there were two points upon which he wished to speak to me, one was that Nawaub Meer Abool Hussein might not be allowed to return to Moorshedabad: the other, that Moolvie Oobudoolla might be removed from the charge of the Nawaub Nussuroodeen Hyder, as he felt himself disgraced if any of his Family were allowed to be beaten.

As both these points were connected with H. H.'s personal Feelings I ventured to assure him that until Newaub Meer Abool Hussein would give security for his good behaviour, I did not think H. E. the Most Noble the Governor General in Council would consent to his return to Moorshedabad: with regard to the latter request, I informed him I would take an early opportunity of learning His Lordships sentiments upon the subject.

I take this opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of your letter dated March 24th 1821 addressed to Mr. Magniac relative to the above Question I have given much of my attention to the subject, and it appears to me that independent of several other reasons why Moolvie Oobudoolla should be removed from his situation of Moohafiz there is one which is of peculiar weight namely he is a Soonee & the Newaub a Sheea which is of itself sufficient to cause painful Disputes. I would therefore solicit permission to be allowed to appoint in consultation with H. H. the Nazim another Person to be responsible in the conduct of Newaub Nusserooden Hyder.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 30th April 1821.

F. W. Russell, *A. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have lately received a letter from Tihar Oonissa Begum the Munkooah of the late Taheb Hossein Khan stating that much property is under the seal of the Governor Generals Agent and the Guard of His Highness the Nazim, and requesting that the proprietorship may be decided as she states the property may possibly be injured by neglect ; I would beg leave to solicit permission to be allowed to direct the two parties who dispute the property to name each one person, and the third to be appointed by myself to investigate the business that I might be enabled speedily to settle this affair without further troubling the Government.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 31st April 1824 [1821?]

F. W. Russell, *A. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Nawaub Soulut Jung has this day applied to me for the amount of his Fathers Stipend for the nineteen days of November that were due at the time of Nawaub Dilawur Jungs death to enable him to close his Account with the various Members of the Family.

I request you will do me the honor to procure the sanction of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council to my paying the Nawaub the amount for the above purpose upon receiving his receipts.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 3rd May 1821.

F. W. Russell, *A. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 17th of February 1821 addressed to Mr. Magniac conveying the orders of the Most Noble the Governor General in Council regarding the provision to be made for the Family of Mahomed Riza Khaun.

2nd. Mr. Magniac upon the receipt of your dispatch, called upon Nawab Soulut Jung to inform him of the amount of the property of which his Father had possessed, and to give in a statement of the affairs of the Family as they are at present: in reply the Nawaub has sent to me a Letter, a Translation of which (No. 1 abstracted in Letter A) I have the honor to enclose, by which he endeavours to shew that during the life of Diluwur Jung the Expences of the family exceeded the amount of their income including the stipend they received from the liberality of the British Government. It shews also the Number of the relatives & the amount of the salary given by Dilawer Jung to each of them—together with the Number of servants and a minute accounts of the Establishment of every kind.

3rd. In obedience to the commands issued in the 3rd Paragraph of your dispatch, I have endeavoured to discover the amount of the property treasure &ca. of which the Nawaub Dilawer Jung was possessed at the time of his death: as well as the means of support at present enjoyed by Nawaub Soulut Jung and the other Members of the Family independent of the property of the late Dilawer Jung.

4th. I have not considered it Necessary to enquire respecting the Family Jewels, as it is a Point on which all natives of Rank are particularly delicate, but should the Most Noble the Governor General in Council deem it Expedient that the Government should be made acquainted with the amount of property in this shape I request you will do me the honor to send me particular instructions on this Point.

5th. There is reason to believe Dilawer Jung did not die possessed of much Treasure in Money, at least I have not been able to discover that he did and the impression upon the minds of the Inhabitants of this City who were most likely to be acquainted with such circumstances tend to confirm this Idea.

6th. No. 2 Contains a list of the property of the late Dilawer Jung in houses, lands & furniture but the Most Noble the Governor General in Council will most probably observe that the value placed upon the houses could only be Estimated generally, there being few persons if any who could purchase them, and the obtaining rent by letting them is very precarious. I understand that Dilawer Jung expended upwards of thirty Thousand Rupees in the repairs of Afzul Baug just before he died, and purchased Furniture &ca. to about 20,000 Rs. more in the Schedule (No. 2) the property in Furniture is stated to be worth 20,000 Rs. I have since learnt from another Source that there is in plate to the amount of a Lac of Rupees at least.

7th. No. 3 is the list of the property possessed by Nawaub Soulut Jung.

8th. No. 4 shews the property belonging to Mohumed Ali & the other Members of the Family: I beg leave to state that Nawaub Dilawer Jung during the life time of Mohomed Riza Khan purchased two Houses at Patna one of them called Bekna Paharee from Mr. Francis Grant for the Sum of Rs. 14,000 and the other called Moozuffer Baug from Mr. Bathurst I have not been enabled to learn what this latter cost exactly but there is reason to suppose he gave about 12,000 Rs. for it, the former House he gave to Soulut Jung the latter to Mooshir Jung. Soulut Jung states the present value of Bekna Paharee to be about 6 or 7,000 Rs. as it has been long uninhabited and has in Consequence fallen much into decay.

Mooshir Jung sold his House again to Mr. Bathurst but I do not know for what sum, but the Person from whom I gained this information said he received about 6,000 Rs.

9. No. 5 Contains a list of the claims against the Estate of Nawaub Dilawer Jung.

10. There is one claim the amount of which I have not been able to learn owing to the Departure from this Place of Mohummud Ali the Grandson of Dilawer Jung without having obtained the Permission of the Government thro' the proper Channel & altho' he has been repeatedly recalled thro' his Mother, he refuses to return—The claim here alluded to is grounded on the Marriage Settlement of the Wife of Nawaub Dilawer Jung who is said to have died previous to Mooshir Jung.

11. As Soulut Jung is the only surviving son of Dilawer Jung I conclude he is heir to the whole of the Property a schedule of amount of which I have the honor to enclose as well as the claims against it, I would beg leave to propose as the amount of the Demand upon the State will nearly swallow up the whole of it even if it could be realized (Much of it also being in such a shape as cannot be sold without loss to the Family) that I may be allowed to submit to the Most Noble the Governor General in Council an arrangement in the Family by which the Pensions will not Exceed the amount of one Lack of Rupees p. annum.

12. Owing to the Differences in the Family fomented by some intriguing People for their own personal advantage—I have found it almost impossible to offer such a plan as will be pleasing to all parties—but in obedience to the instructions issued by you in the 7 Paragraph of your dispatch I have drawn out a scale No. 6 in which, I have paid great attention to the Relationship of the several Individuals.

13th. It is necessary I should here notice the claims of some of the various Members of the Family: in the first instance that of Meer Juffer, his claim against the Estate of Dilawer Jung for arrears of salary amounted to Rupees 28,774-2-14-2. The origin of these claims it is now needless to relate to the Government after the Many Letters that have been written on the subject, since Mr. Pattle held the situation of Superintendent, to defray his Claims Nawaub Soulut Jung has deposited a sum of Money in the Collectors Treasure and I only wait to receive the Receipt of Meer Jaffur to have it settled.

14th. In the 10th Paragraph of Mr. Swinton's letter to Mr. Ricketts dated 3 Oct. 1820 it is distinctly stated in alluding to this unfortunate Difference in the Family that Government "in adjusting the amount of a suitable Allowance in their separate maintenance would not recognize either the Engagement or principle which they claims a right to the shares of their Deceased Relations." I therefore understand that the Government do not consider themselves in any shape bound to recognize the Principle upon which Meer Jaffur has received since his Mothers Death so large & considering his remote relationship so inadequate a share of the former stipend.

15. In the arrangement now offered it is proposed to allow him for himself the sum of 400 for his son one hundred, & for his wife 70 Rupees P. Mensem making a Total of 570 Rs. over which he will have controul.

16th. This pension may thus be compared with what he received up to the Death of his mother.

In right of his mother	200- 0- 0- 0	for himself	400
In Do. of Father	133- 5- 6- 3	His Son	100
Of his Brother	60-10-13- 1	His Wife	70
	400- 0- 0- 0		570

Gorarara Begum is said to have left him some valuable Jewels worth about 30,000 Rupees. I venture to propose this amount as he is now the Representative of that Branch of the Family, of which Gorarara Begum was formerly the head.

17th. I should beg leave to recommend that this sum be paid by Nawaub Soulut Jung, to Meer Jaffur thro' the Agents of the Governor General at least for a short period as it will prevent the Parasites that at present surround Meer Jaffur from instituting into his mind that the reduction of his Stipend is the Effect of the late Family differences; as well as avoid wounding the feelings of Nawaub Soulut Jung who has been acknowledged by the Government the representative of the family of Mohummud Rezza Khan.

18. I might perhaps be allowed here to offer an opinion especially as the Government have shewn so deep an Interest in the welfare of this Family by the liberality it has Extended towards its Members that it would greatly tend to the Respectability of Meer Jaffur if he were directed to dismiss the persons of infamous Character that at present not only are his advisers but have the entire management of his affairs & that this point should be insisted upon ere he was allowed to receive any stipend.

19. The salary that is named for Bunnee Begum is 500 Rs. Pr. mensem this is certainly a handsome provision for a Widow who has not expence but to maintain herself for she has a just claim upon the state of Dilawer Jung to the amount of 2,220-13-2 for the marriage of her son and her daughter has a separate provision.

20th. At the particular request of Nawaub Soulut Jung I beg leave to solicit that the Stipend of Mohummud Ali be encreased to 500 Rs. per mensem during the life of Dilawer Jung he received but 310 Rs. as it was consi-

dered equitable that the two Grandsons, Zuffur Jung & Mohummud Ali should receive an equal Provision of 310 Rs. I hope therefore the present arrangement of reducing the elder Grandson Zuffur Jung from 310 to 300, and of encreasing the younger Grandson Mohummud Ali from 310 to 500, will be considered liberal to the latter & be sanctioned by the Government the Bunnee Begum has a large claim upon the Estate of Dilawer Jung amount to Rs. for the especial Purpose of his Marriage and he is heir to all the Property of his late Father Mentioned in enclosure No. 4.

21st. There is little to notice regarding Oonissa Begum she is still young & will of course live with her Mother, Bunnee Begum at a small expence consequently the sum of 150 is quite adequate to all her wants.

22nd. The stipend of the Branch of the Family will now amount to 1,150 per mensem which previous to the death of Gorraree Begum was 1,160.

23rd. The pensions of the Widow of Meer Hushim, of his Daughter & Munkoha require but little specification the widow is the Daughter of Arjoomund Bunoo Begum from whom she received 70 Rs. per mensem & she also had 66-10-13-1 on account of Meer Hasim. It is proposed to allow her 100 Rs. per mensem & if her Mother has any inclination to increase it is in her power, to do so ; the Pensions to the latter two persons were so small that they might be allowed to remain as they are.

24th. Arjoomund Bunoo Begum is now to be Noticed; her stipend was 380 Rs. under the present arrangement it is proposed to be 350 she is the illegitimate Daughter of the late Nawaub Dilawer Jung and according to all accounts a most Respectable Woman perhaps the most so in the Family. One of her two Daughters was married to her Cousin Mer Kashim and is now a widow and is to have a Stipend of 100 Rupees: the other is the wife of Meer Juffer to whom 70 Rupees Per Mensem is allotted.

25. Two hundred and fifty Rupees Per Mensem would be a handsome provision for her son Mohummed Tukee Khan as he is heir to the house and personal property of his mother, Arjumund Bunoo Begum noticed in enclosure No. 4.

26. The amount allotted to this Branch will be 700 Rupees Per Mensem.

27. Syud Ahmed Ali (is a Child) and an illegitimate son by an illegitimate son of the late Dilawer Jung, he received during his Grand-fathers life 37 Rupees Per Mensem which is an ample provision for him in the present arrangement.

28. Doulutoonissa Begum, sister-in-law to Mohummud Reza Khan is rich, she formerly received 100 Rs. This pension might be reduced to 50 Rupees without any inconvenience.

29. Bulkees Banoo Begum (sister of Doulutoonnissa Begum) has no provision but her former pension of 40 Rupees which it is hoped will be continued.

30. Meer Syud Mahommed is a Nephew to Mahommed Rezza Khan, his pension was 25 Rupees it is proposed to be Continued as he has no other pension.

31. Syud Mahommed Rezza, Syud Ahmed Rezza and Meer Saduck, grandchildren of Mahommed Hoossein Khan, the 2 former received 15 Rupees each, the latter ten as they have no other provision but this Stipend, it is proposed to be Continued.

32. Meer Syud Ali Khan, and Syud Mahommed grandchildren of Mahommed Hoossein Khan, they received 16 Rupees Per Mensem, and have a pension of 100 Rupees a month from the Nizamut and possess land that yields a yearly revenue of 600 Rupees—this pension might be struck off.

33. Jigree Begum sister-in-law of the late Dilawer Jung received fomerly 30 Rupees Per Mensem but as she has a Stipend of 100 Rs. from the Nizamut and has a valuable House—this provision might be struck off.

34. Syud Ali Khan son of Jigree Begum received 50 Rupees from Dilawer Jung, as he has a Large family and no other provision this might be Continued to him.

35. Mahomdee Begum widow of Syud Ahmed Ali Khan Step-brother of Mahommed Rezza Khan. She received a pension of 49 Rs. and 100 from the Nizamut, as she has a family it is proposed to allow her 25 Rupees independant of the salary from the Nizamut.

36. Syud Mahommed Khan and Syud Mehdee Khan nephews of Mahommed Rezza Khan have no provision but the Stipend they received under the late arrangement of 170 Rs. each per Mensem, and it is too small it can hardly be reduced without subjecting them to much distress.

37. Hoosainee Begum daughter of Meer Gholaum Hussan the Brother-in-law of Dilawer Jung—She formerly received 15 Rs. Per Mensem, this pension might be continued to her.

38. Goura Begum and Emaumee Begum daughters of Baukir Ally Khan, son of Nukkie Ally Khan uncle of Mahommed Rezza Khan, they received together the small sum of 7 Rs.-14 As.—They have no other provision it is proposed to Continue it to them.

39. Sahib Begum Munkooah of Meer Mehudie Khan received 10 Rupees Per Mensem during Dilawer Jung's life as she has no other provision it is proposed to Continue the same sum to her.

40. The sum of 516-11-9 has for many years been divided among a number of Women in the Muhul Serai of the late Mohummed Rezza Khan, they are all very old, and it is hoped the same provision may be Continued to them.

41. The same remarks are equally just regarding the women in the Muhul Serai of Dilawer Jung, no alteration can well be made in this department, and it is proposed to allow it to remain, its total is 366-5-3-1.

42. The wages to the servants of the ladies alluded to in paragraphs 39 and 40 Amount to 100. I am unable to discover if any Change can be effected for the better and therefore trust the Government will sanction this item being Continued.

43. The various Members of the Family having been now mentioned, I beg leave to notice the pensioners belonging to it—the salaries allowed to these persons for long and faithful services amount altogether to the sum of Rs. 213-14—per Mensem, among them are some whose ages prevent them from performing any duty, others whom sickness has debilitated and some are the offspring of deserving attendants. I know not how to propose any reduction or alteration in what was formerly paid them and I hope the Government will permit them to receive on, the proposed, the Comforts they experienced under the late arrangement.

44. There remain to be noticed the various departments under the following heads, first that of the Kitchen and Charkana, for this I have proposed that the sum to be allowed should be 213 Rupees 4—Per Mensem ; the stable and Coach Establishment at 258-9-4 ; the Feel Khana at 237-14-5 ; Cattle and Sheep 147-10 these sums are not only to find the Provisions, Cattle, Furniture, Equipage & food in each separate Department, but also to furnish the Necessary salaries to every servant requisite in them. I hope therefore it will be Considered upon as economical a scale as can well be proposed. I have not considered it necessary to trouble the Most Noble the Governor General with a more Minute account of the separate Items, being satisfied, if these departments are thought requisite that they cannot be upon a smaller scale, and that the Nuwab will probably make the various sums go much further than any European Gentleman could suppose probable.

45. It is the duty of every Musselman to keep the Tombs of his ancestors in good repairs, and those of this family are I understand exceedingly numerous at the particular request of Nawaub Soulut Jung I take the liberty of soliciting that the sum to be allotted for this special purpose may be 200-15-10.

46. I have only to state that some salaries will be requisite for the various Vakeels, Moonshees, Mudsuddies of the Family, and that a sum of Money be allotted for the expences of the Mohoram for the (illegible). I beg leave to propose a Monthly allowance of 259 Rs. and for the latter a yearly one of 3,602-15-15. I mention the latter sum specifically to make the annual pension a Lack of Rupees in preference to broken sums, should the sum appear large for one Festival it is to be remembered there is no allowance made for those of Nahooz and Buckreed.

47. I have drawn out a statement intending to show in one view the substance of this letter, that is 1st Column the names of the pensioners to whom a Stipend is proposed to be given the second column points out the amount of the pension proposed to be allowed to each individual the third, the total sum granted to each Branch of the Family—the 4th the relative connexion of each individual of the Family and in the last I have offered such remarks, as I conceive might tend to throw any light on the subject in Case the foregoing statement might not render the subject as clear as I could wish, I have added another No. Shewing what the different members of the family received under the late, & what is proposed to be allowed them under the present plan. I have added the two last columns of relationship and remarks to avoid giving the trouble of reference from one paper to another.

48. I would beg leave to solicit permission should the arrangement, I have the honor to offer, meet the approbation of the Most Noble the Governor General in Council, that I should be instructed to state to each individual that the present measure is adopted without any relation whatever to any agreement that may have been formerly made in the family and shewing solely from the liberality of the British Government towards the existing members of the family of Mahommed Reza Khan that the Stipends of Individuals be reasonable upon the pleasure of the Government.

49. I Might ere I close this letter solicit that the whole be made payable thro' the present head of the family, to the several individuals Composing it, but in Case of a Complaint being made to the Agent on the part of an Individual that Soulut Jung had withheld a Stipend, that the amount should be deducted from the Nawaub Soulut Jung's personal pension, and Claimant to be paid afterwards, directly by the Agent.

50. In reference to the Commands justified in the 13th Paragraph of your letter dated the 17th of February I communicated to Nawaub Soulut Jung, that he is not to Consider himself entitled to assume (illegible) and they have in Consequence been discontinued since the day on which he received his Kellaut of condolence and investiture, as head of the family.

51. I beg leave to apologize for the length of this letter, and to solicit the indulgence of the Most Noble the Governor General in Council if I should have omitted any point upon which His Excellency would wish to have [received] information, but I trust when I state I have been here but five Weeks, and that the duties of this Office are chiefly relative to matters of minute detail, that the indulgence I solicit will be granted to me.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
May 1821.

F. W. Russell,
A. A. G. G.

Enclosure No. 1.

Statement of the Receipts & Disbursements of the late Nuwab Dilawer Jung decd.

		Rs. A. G. C.	Remarks
1.	Amt. of Monthly allowance from Govt. .	11,200- 0- 0- 0	
2.	Recd. from the Collector on acct of the Behramgung Market	84- 0- 9- 0	When the Bazars &ca. were resumed by the Marquis Cornwallis, Nawaub Dilawer Jung proved to the satisfaction of Govt. that Behram Gunge the original name of which was Nishaut Gunge, was in possession of his family before the H C. became possessed of those parts of the Country, and this sum was in Consequence directed to be paid to him from the Collector's Treasury
3	Revenue of Assud Gunge	11-12-16- 2	This was originally called Chuna Khallie & when taken possession of by Government this sum was allowed in lieu of the Revenue
4.	Rent of the Collector's Kutcherry at Aufzul Baugh	80- 0- 0- 0	
	Houses		
5	Nushaut Baugh & Afzool Baugh		These Houses are at present empty, when Occupied being very old the rent is barely sufficient to keep them in repairs
6.	Land attached to Nushut Baugh and Autzul Baug vizt. Bansbarra, Behram Gunge, Ooetah—A small portion of land at Chuna Khallie, Futtagungepore	833- 5- 6- 2	Upon Nawaub Mozuffer Jung's marriage, he received these lands as his wifes portion. It was by this lady the name of Nushut Gange was Changed to that of Behram Gunge after her eldest son, and as she resided at Nushaut Baugh, to avoid disputes she purchased a two anna share of Futtagungepore and Chuna Khallie
7	Chitpore & Elliot Baugh	534- 7-18- 0	
	Total monthly receipts Sa. Rs.	12,743-10-10- 0	
	Disbursements		
1.	Jeeb Khas or Privy Purse of Nuwob Dilawer Jung	1,150- 0- 0- 0	This was expended as follows: In providing for the entertainment of his Children &ca when they visited; on naming the Children on the sixth day; Birthdays; the usual ceremonies on their first beginning to read and marriage Expences
	Gohurra Begum, sister of Nawob Dilawer Jung . . . . . Debited among her family as follows:	2,000- 0- 0- 0	
3.	Meer Jaffer her 2d son	200- 0- 0-0	The first two items amounting to 333-5-6-3 is Conformably to the settlement made by Mr. T. Pattle, the Superintendent of Nizamut Affairs in December 1805. The remaining two items amounting to 566-10-13-1 was settled by the late Nuwob Delawer Jung
	On the death of his Father his share of the deceased's Stipend	133- 5- 6 3	
	On the death of his Mother his share of her Stipend . .	500- 0- 0-0	
	On the death of his elder Brother do. do.	66-10-13-1	
	Sa Rs.	900- 0- 0-0	
4.	Bunnee Begum daughter of Gohurarra Begum and Widow of the late Nawob Moshir Jung 2d Son of Nuwob Dilawer Jung		Exclusive of this sum she received from the late Nuwob Delawer Jung as a provision for her Children &ca. 660/- making a total of 1,560 Rs. per mensem
	In the same proportion as the foregoing	900- 0- 0-0	
5.	Family of the late Meer Kasham Eldest son of Gohurarra Begum Tumttoon Nissa Begum (torn) The Daughter of Aujoomund Bunnoo Begum	Sa Rs. 66-10-13-1	This was given by the settlement of Nuwob Dilawer Jung. She received also from him 70 Rs. making a total of Sa. Rs. 136-10-13-1 Per Mensem

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			Rs. A. G. C.	Remarks
	Kasham's daughter Zeynub Begum, Meer	66-10-13-1		By Nuwob Dilawer Jungs Settlement
	Gysutee, Munkooah of Meer Kasham a Dancing Girl	66-10-13-1		By Nuwob Dilawer Jungs Settlement
	Children & Relations of Nuwob Dilawer Jung			
	Nuwob Soulut Jung Eldest and only surviving son and heir of Nuwob Dilawer Jung Salary per Mensem	1,000/-		Inclusive of this sum he was allowed by His Father, Carriages, Horses, Elephants, Servants &ca also summer & Winter Clothing
	Table Expences	60/-	1,060- 0- 0- 0	
7.	Boho Nawob, Wife of Nuwob Soulut Jung P. Mensem	350/-		
	Table Expenses	40/-	390- 0- 0- 0	Exclusive of this she received summer & Winter Clothing
8.	Bunnee Begum Wife of Nuwob Moshir Jung	175/-		
	Table Expences	35/-	210- 0- 0- 0	Do. do. do. & 900 from the late Ghurarra Begum's Stipend
9	Aujumund Bunnoo Begum daughter of Nuwob Dilawer Jung p. Mensem	350/-		
	Table Expences . .	35/-	385- 0- 0- 0	
	Children of Nuwob Soulut Jung, Nuwob Moshir Jung Aujumund Bunnoo Begum and Mirza Kochuck			
10.	Syud Mahomed Rezza Khan Buhadoor, Zuffer Jung Eldest son of Nuwob Soulut Jung Per Mensem	270/-		
	Table Expences	40/-	310- 0- 0- 0	
11.	Fakrajahan Begum called Bagnee Sahaib eldest daughter of Nuwob Soulut Jung P. M.		235- 0- 0- 0	
12.	Syud Mahomed Ali Khan Bahadoor, Assaur Jung eldest & only son of the late Nuwob Mohsir Jung p. Mo.	280/-		
	Table Expences	30/-	310- 0- 0- 0	
13.	Syud Mahomed Zakee—son of Aujomund Bunnoo Begum per Mensem	225/-		
	Table Expences	25/-	250- 0- 0- 0	
14.	Meer Mahommed Hossein Khan called Shah Mirzah Sahib second son of Nuwob Soulut Jung . .	200/-		
	Table Expences	20/-	220- 0- 0- 0	
15.	Sahibzadee Begum	120/-		
	Table Expences	20/-	140- 0- 0- 0	
16.	Meer Zenab Deen Khan called Nuwob Meer 3rd son of Nuwob Soulut Jung	170/-		
	Table Expences	20/-	190- 0- 0- 0	
17.	(Illegible) Bannoo Begum called Begum Jehan p. mensem . .	120/-		
	Table Expences	15/-	135- 0- 0- 0	
18.	Rabia Begum called Pearrie Sahib 3rd daughter of Nuwob Soulut Jung P. Mensem	115/-		
	Table Expences	15/-	130- 0- 0- 0	

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		Rs. A. G. C.	Remarks
19.	Zeynuton Nissa Begum called Nowassie Begum Widow of Meer Kasham . .	70- 0- 0- 0	Exclusive of this she received from the late Gohurarra Begum's Stipend Rs. 66-10-13-1 making a total of Sa. Rs. 136-10-13-1
20.	Jahararra Begum wife of Meer Juffir, Daughter of Aujomund Bunnoo Begum	70- 0- 0- 0	
21.	Syud Ahmed Ali, called Syud Meejoo . . . . 20/- Table Expences 10/-	30- 0- 0- 0	
22.	Syud Mahomed Khan called Nuwob Jehan	175- 0- 0- 0	These are the sons of Mahomed Ali Khan, Caim Jung—cousin of the late Nuwob Mozuffer Jung —The former has no Children and the Latter only a wife, and have no property independant of this allowance
23	Syud Mehdee Khan called Sahib Jahan .	175- 0- 0- 0	
24.	Wallatee Begum Widow of the late Syud Mahomed Hossien Khan brother of the late Mozuffer Jung	100- 0- 0- 0	This was allowed by the late Mr. Thos. Pattle. She is the daughter of Nuwob Ali Nuckee Khan the uncle of Nuwob Moozuffer Jung
25.	Bilkus Bunnoo Begum called Mudjellee Begum sister of Wallatee Begum .	40- 0- 0- 0	Exclusive of this allowance she has no property
26	Meer Syud Mahomed Khan called Meer Baba son of Syud Mahomed Hossein Khan the Brother of Nuwob Mozuffer Jung . .	25- 0- 0- 0	
27.	Jigree Begum sister-in-law of the late Nuwob Dilawer Jung	30- 0- 0- 0	
28.	Mahomdee Begum and others the Widow & Children of Salabut Jung . . .	49- 0- 0- 0	Syud Ahmed Ali Khan Salabut Jung step-brother of Mozuffer Jung
29	Meer Mahomed Rezza, Ahmed Rezza and Meer Saduck, the two former 15 Rupees each & the latter 10/-	40- 0- 0- 0	The grand-children of Syud Zenab Abdeen Khan the Son-in-law of the late Syud Mahomed Hossein Khan—have no property independant of this allowance
30.	Syud Ali Khan the son of Jegree Begum	20- 0- 0- 0	
31.	Syud Ali & Syud Mahomed the sons of Immaum Coolie Khan . .	16- 0- 0- 0	These are the children of Rokeah Begum the daughter of Mahomed Zakee Khan Bisaulut Jung who was married to an illegitimate daughter of Nuwob Mozuffer Jung
32.	Hossainee Begum--Daughter of Mirza Golaum Hossein Khan . . .	15- 0- 0- 0	
33	Gohurah Begum & Emaumee Begum daughters of Syud Bakur Ali Khan . .	7-12- 0- 0	Bakur Ali Khan the son of Syud Ali Nuckee Khan the uncle of Mozuffer Jung
34	Sahib Begum	15- 0- 0- 0	When Mirza Mehndee a relation of Nuwob Mozuffer Jung, came from Shiraz, he was united to this Lady by the Nickae or Munkooah Ceremony
	Total of Relations &ca. Sa Rs	7,992-12- 0- 0	
35.	Mehalserai or Zenana of Nuwob Mozuffer Jung 14 Women	516-11- 6- 0	
36.	Mehalserai or Zenana of the late Nuwob Dilawer Jung 22 Women . .	366- 5- 3- 1	
37	4 Assuls attached to the two Zenanas (@ 3/8 each	14- 0- 0- 0	
38.	1 Mohirer or Writer attached to the two Zenanas	10- 0- 0- 0	
39.	1 Native Doctor Do.	10- 0- 0- 0	
40.	10 Male & female Bhistees Do (@ 3/8 .	35- 0- 0- 0	
41.	5 Male & female Dhobeys Do (@ 4/- .	20- 0- 0- 0	
42	4 Men for going to the Bazar (@ 3/4 . .	13- 0- 0- 0	
43.	5 Maturs & Matranies (@ 3/- each .	15- 0- 0- 0	
	Total expence of Zenana Dept. Sa Rs	1,000- 0- 9- 1	
	Imtiazee or Upper Servants		
44.	Nuwob Soulut Jungs Childrens Tutor .	15- 0- 0- 0	
45.	Nuwob Moshir Jungs sons Tutor . .	15- 0- 0- 0	
46.	Syud Ahmed Ali, Mirza Khochuck Son's Tutor	7- 0- 0- 0	
	Total Tutors Sa. Rs.	37- 0- 0- 0	

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		Rs. A. G. C.	Remarks
	Moonshees		
47.	Damoodah Doss	42- 0- 0- 0	This Man has been the Head Moonshee since the time of Nuwob Mozuffer Jung
48.	Golam (Illegible)	20- 0- 0- 0	
49.	One Copyist	10- 0- 0- 0	
50.	One Duftree	3- 8- 0- 0	
	Total Moonshees Sa. Rs	75- 8- 0- 0	
	Vakeels		
51	One in Calcutta	200- 0- 0- 0	This Man is in attendance to receive the orders of the Most Noble the Governor General a few days before Nuwob Dilawer Jung's death, the Calcutta Vakeel died, and no person being appointed in Consequence of the Nuwobs illness, Nuwob Soulut Jung according to the Custom of His family nominated Hakim Zuffer Ali Khan
52.	One at Moorshedabad	35- 0- 0- 0	The Duty of this man is to attend the Adawlut
	Total Vakeels Sa Rs	235- 0- 0- 0	
	Eunuchs		
53.	Saudut Mun	15- 0- 0- 0	This was a slave of Nuwob Mozuffer Jung
	Ahul Kullum		
54.	Moorutnarain Naib Dewan	70- 0- 0- 0	This man is from the time of Nuwob Mozuffer Jung
55.	Gokul Chund Buxee	11- 0- 0 0	This is a son of Khavil Kishore Buxshee of Nuwob Mozuffer Jung
56.	Khurruch daree Saul Writer of the Frash Khannah	11- 0- 0- 0	This man is from the time of Nuwob Mozuffer Jung
57.	Dewanny Serishta Writer	10- 0- 0- 0	
58.	Toshuk Khana do.	10- 0- 0- 0	
59.	Immaurut or Repairs of Building do .	10- 0- 0- 0	
60.	Writer of the Stables	10- 0- 0- 0	
61.	Do. of Pheel Khannah or Elephants .	10- 0- 0- 0	
62.	Do. of Gow Khannah or Bullocks . .	10- 0- 0- 0	
63.	Do. of Kitchen	10- 0- 0- 0	
64.	2 Dufters @3/8 each	7- 0- 0- 0	
	Total Ahul Kullum Sa. Rs	169- 0- 0- 0	
	Shagird Pasha or Domestic servants of Nuwob Dilawer Jung's Establishment		
65.	(Illegible)	7- 0- 0- 0	
66.	4 Khidmutgars @ 4/-	16- 0 0- 0	
67.	With Nuwob Soulut Jung at Moorshedabad —1 Jamadar	5- 0 0- 0	
68.	4 Khidmutgars @ 4/-	16- 0- 0- 0	
	Sa. Rs	44- 0- 0- 0	
	Hookahburdaurs of Nawaub Dilawar Jungs Establishment		
69.	4 Hookhaburdaurs @ 4/- . . .	16- 0- 0- 0	
70.	2 Mates @ 3/-	6- 0- 0- 0	
71.	2 Bangy Bearers @ 3/-	6- 0- 0- 0	
	Sa. Rs.	28- 0- 0- 0	

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		Rs. A. G. C.	Remarks
	Nawaub Dilawar Jungs Establishment		
72.	1 Meerdaur	5-12- 0- 0	This man is from the time of Nawaub Mozuffer Jung
73	4 Chobdaurs (@ 4/-	16- 0- 0- 0	
74.	1 Meerdaur	4- 8- 0- 0	
75.	4 Sootabadaurs . . . With Nawaub Soulut Jung at Moorshedabad	15- 0- 0- 0	
76.	4 Chobdaurs (@ 4/- . . .	16- 0- 0- 0	
77.	3 Sootabadaurs (@ 3/12 . .	11- 4- 0- 0	
	Sa. Rs	68 8- 0- 0	
	Hirkarrahs Nawaub Dilawer Jungs Establishments		
78.	Rawpookum Singh Nazir	50- 0- 0- 0	This Man is from the time of Nawaub Mozuffer Jung & resides at Benares
79.	Ramphul Jemmadar son of the foregoing .	11- 0- 0- 0	
80.	Ajoobah Roy Duffadaur	5- 0- 0- 0	
81.	10 Hirkarrahs (@ 3/12	37- 8- 0- 0	
82.	6 Do. Nawsawkt (@ 3/12	22- 8- 0- 0	
	Sa. Rs	126- 0- 0- 0	
	Frash Khannah		
83.	4 Frashes (@ 4/-	16- 0- 0- 0	
84.	3 Do. Nawsawkt (@ 3/12 . . .	11- 4- 0- 0	
85.	Ackbar Claassie Wt. N. D. J. . . .	5- 4- 0- 0	
86.	Ackbar (2d) Claassie with Nawaub D. J. .	4- 0- 0- 0	
87.	2 Claassie Nawsawkt (@ 3/12 . . .	7- 8- 0- 0	
88.	1 Tent Maker with Nawaub Dilawer Jung .	5- 0- 0- 0	
89.	1 Do. Do. a Nawsawkt . . .	6- 0- 0- 0	This man with his family has been employed since the time of Nawaub Mozuffer Jung
90.	2 Dandys with Nawaub Dilawer Jung (@ 3/8	7- 0- 0- 0	
91.	4 Do. Moorshedabad (@ 3/- . .	12- 0- 0- 0	
92.	1 Washerman with Nawaub D. Jung	6- 0- 0- 0	
93.	1 Ditto at Nawsawkt	5- 0- 0- 0	
94.	1 Tailor with Nawaub Dilawer Jung . .	3- 0- 0- 0	
95.	1 Ditto at Nawsawkt	3- 0- 0- 0	
	Sa. Rs.	91- 0- 0- 0	
	Tosha Khannah with Nawaub Dilawer Jung		
96	1 Wardrope Keeper . . .	7- 0- 0- 0	
97.	2 Assistants (@ 6 each . . .	12- 0- 0- 0	
98.	2 Tailors (@ 6 each . . .	12- 0- 0- 0	
99.	1 Washerman	6- 0- 0 0	
100.	1 Hookah snake maker . .	8- 0- 0- 0	
101.	1 Ditto Mate	3- 0- 0- 0	
	At Nawsawkt		
102.	1 Wardrope Keeper Mahomed Khullen	8- 0- 0- 0	This man is the son of Nawaub Mozzuffur Jung's Keeper of the Wardrope
103.	Hingun Mate	6- 0- 0- 0	Do. Do. Mates son
104.	1 Washerman	6- 0- 0- 0	
105.	1 Tailor	6- 0- 0- 0	
106.	2 Assistants Ditto (@ 3/- each . .	6- 0- 0- 0	
	Sa. Rs.	80- 0- 0- 0	

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		Rs. A. G. C.	Remarks
	Abdar Khannah with Nawaub Dilawer Jung		
107.	1 Sirdar Abdar	7- 0- 0- 0	
108.	2 mates (@ 4/-	8- 0- 0- 0	
109.	1 Bangy Bearer with Nawaub Soulut Jung	3- 8- 0- 0	
110.	1 Abdar	4- 0- 0- 0	
111.	1 Bangy Bearer	3- 0- 0- 0	
	Sa. Rs.	25- 8- 0- 0	
	Sillai Khannah or Armoury		
112.	1 Sickledar with Nawaub D. Jung	5- 0- 0- 0	
113.	1 Do. Mate Do. . . .	4- 0- 0- 0	
114.	1 Sickledar at Nawsaukt . .	4- 0- 0- 0	
	Sa. Rs.	13- 0- 0- 0	
	Khuttoob Khannah or Library		
115.	1 Sirdar Librarian . . .	6- 0- 0- 0	
116	1 Mate . . .	4- 4- 0- 0	
117.	1 Book binder	6- 0- 0- 0	
	Sa. Rs	16- 4- 0- 0	
	Dhuwye Khannah or Medicines		
118.	1 Sirdar	6- 0- 0- 0	
119.	1 Mate	3- 8- 0- 0	
	Sa Rs	9- 8- 0- 0	
	Privy		
120.	1 Mathor with Nawaub D. Jung .	4- 0- 0- 0	
121.	Do. at Nawsawkt 3/8 . .	7- 0- 0- 0	
	Sa Rs	11- 0- 0- 0	
	Cavalry		
122.	1 Duffadar .	6- 8- 0- 0	
123.	7 Troopers (@ 5/-	35- 0- 0- 0	
124.	6 Spearmen (@ 3/-	18- 0- 0- 0	
	Sa Rs	59- 8- 0- 0	
	Sepoys with Nawaub Dilawer Jung		
125.	1 Subadar, 1 Jemmadar, 1 Havildar, 1 Drummer, 1 Fifer, 1 P. Cymbals & 23 Sepoys and 8 with Bunnee Begum . .	179- 0- 0- 0	
	At Nawsawkt		
126.	1 Subadar, 1 Jemmadar, 3 Havildars, 3 Amildars, 4 Sepoys in Guard Room, 4 at the Eastern Windows, 4 at the Western, 4 to the Northward of the Dewan Kannah, 4 to the Southern, 4 in the Dafta Kannah, 4 on the Tosha Kannah Tovil, 4 on Deurie Mehalserai—4 on 2d Do. 4 at Nawaub Soulut Jungs Deurie—4 Do. with Nawaub Soulut Jungs person. 4 Do. at Aujummund Banoo Begums—8 Do. at Nashaut Baug, 4 Do. Aufzal Baug—One Smith, and 4 Tom Tom Beaters 72 persons	331-12- 0- 0	
	Sa Rs.	510-12- 0- 0	

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		Rs. A. G. C.	Remarks
	To strike the Hour		
127.	1 Sirdar with Nawaub Dilawer Jung	5- 0- 0- 0	
128	3 Mates Do Do. (@ 4/- . .	12- 0- 0- 0	
	At Nausawkt		
129.	1 Sirdar . . .	4- 8- 0- 0	
130.	3 Mates (@ 3/8	10- 8- 0- 0	
	Sa. Rs	32- 0- 0- 0	
	Mawattees or Chokedars		
131.	3 Men at Nawsawkt (@ 4/-	12- 0- 0- 0	These people are from the time of Nawaub Mozuffur Jung
	Sa Rs	12- 0- 0- 0	
	Bearers		
132.	1 Sirdar with Nawaub Dilawer Jung	5- 0- 0- 0	
133.	8 Bearers Do. (@ 4/- .	32- 0- 0- 0	
	At Nawsawkt		
134.	1 Sirdar . .	5- 0- 0- 0	
135	3 Bearers (@ 4/- . .	12- 0- 0- 0	
	Sa Rs	54- 0- 0- 0	
	Masolchees with Nawaub Dilawer Jung		
136.	1 Sirdar	4- 0- 0- 0	
137	5 Masolchees (@ 3/8 . .	17- 8- 0- 0	
138.	1 Sirdar for Branch lights .	3- 8- 0- 0	
139	3 Men for Ditto (@ 3/-	9- 0- 0- 0	
	At Nawsawkt		
140.	4 Masolchees (@ 3/8 . .	14- 0- 0- 0	
141.	2 Men for Branch lights (@ 3/- .	6- 0- 0- 0	
	Sa. Rs	54- 0- 0- 0	
	Immarut or Buildings at Nawsawkt		
142.	1 Darogah	10- 0- 0- 0	
143	1 Tovildar	5- 0- 0- 0	
144	1 Bricklayer Mistree . . .	7- 0- 0- 0	
145	1 Carpenter Ditto . . .	8- 0- 0- 0	
146.	1 Blacksmith Ditto . . .	6- 0- 0- 0	
147.	1 Coolie Sirdar . . .	3- 8- 0- 0	
	Sa. Rs	39- 8- 0- 0	
	Bheestees with Nawaub D. Jung		
148.	Jemmadar	6- 8- 0- 0	
149.	Mate	4- 0- 0- 0	
150.	Bheestee for Abdar Khannah .	4- 0- 0- 0	
151.	Bheestee for Kitchen . .	4- 0- 0- 0	
152.	Do. for Stable, & one Elephant (illegible)	4- 0- 0- 0	

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		Rs. A. G. C.	Remarks
	Nawsawkt		
153.	1 Jemmadar	6- 4- 0- 0	Son of Nawaub Mozuffur Jungs Sirdars Bheestee
154.	2 Bheestees in the large Dewan Khana .	8- 0- 0- 0	
155.	1 Ditto in the Stable	4- 0- 0- 0	
156.	1 Ditto with Elephants	4- 0- 0- 0	
157.	1 Ditto with Bullocks	4- 0- 0- 0	
	Sa. Rs	48-12- 0- 0	
	Barbers with Nawaub Dilawer Jung		
158.	1 Sirdar	5- 8- 0- 0	
159.	1 Mate	4-12- 0- 0	
	At Nawsawkt with Nawaub D J.		
160.	1 Sirdar	5- 4- 0- 0	
161	1 Mate	4- 8- 0- 0	
	Sa Rs	20- 0- 0- 0	
	Moolnahs who call the people to prayers		
162.	One at Nawsawkt	5- 0- 0- 0	
163.	One Nuggena Baugh	3- 8- 0- 0	
	Sa. Rs	8- 8- 0- 0	
	Widows Children and descendants of old Servants		
164.	Children of Gool Deal Singh & Widow	40- 0- 0- 0	
165.	Deedar Alli and Emaum Alli the sons of Nawaub Dilawer Jung's Calcutta Vekeel Reza Kholee	12- 0- 0- 0	
	Sa Rs	52- 0- 0- 0	
	Nowbut Khannah		
166.	20 Men . . .	86-14- 0- 0	
	Wood and Leather .	5 0- 0- 0	
		91-14- 0- 0	
	Tombs Nawaub Mozuffur Jung		
167.	1 Darogah . . .	5- 0- 0- 0	
168.	4 Readers of the Khoran @ 4/-	16- 0- 0- 0	
169.	1 Frashe	3- 8- 0- 0	
170.	1 Sweeper . . .	3- 0- 0- 0	
171.	1 Cook	3- 0- 0- 0	
	Sa. Rs	30- 8- 0- 0	
	For Beggars at Tombs		
172.	Rice, Dholl, Khee &ca. . . .	95- 0- 0- 0	
173.	Tallow, Wax Candles, Rose water & flowers	20- 0- 0- 0	
	Sa. Rs.	115- 0- 0- 0	

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			Rs. A. G. C.	Remarks
	Tomb of Nawaub Hader Ali Khan the Father of Nawaub Mozuffer Jung			
174.	2 Readers of the Khoran		8- 0- 0- 0	
175.	1 Sweeper		3- 0- 0- 0	
		Sa. Rs.	11- 0- 0- 0	
176.	Rice, Dholl, Ghee &ca. for Beggars . .		36- 7-10- 0	
177.	Lights, Rose waters flowers &ca. . .		10- 0- 0- 0	
		Sa. Rs	46- 7-10- 0	
	Tomb of Mahomed Hossein Khan Brother of Mozuffur Jung			
178.	1 Reader of the Khoran		4- 0- 0- 0	
179	Lights &ca &ca.		5 8- 0- 0	
		Sa Rs	9- 8- 0- 0	
	Tomb of Bessoulut Jung son-in-law of Mozuffur Jung			
180.	1 Reader of Khoran .		3- 8- 0- 0	
181.	Lights &ca &ca. . . .		4- 8- 0- 0	
		Sa. Rs	8- 0- 0- 0	
	Tomb of Jewand Ali Khan son-in-Law of Dilawer Jung			
182.	1 Reader of the Khoran . . .		3- 0- 0- 0	
183.	Lights &ca &ca.		3- 8- 0- 0	
		Sa Rs	6- 8- 0- 0	
	Tomb of Meer Mahomed Cazim called Meer Mogul			
184.	1 Reader of the Khoran		3- 0- 0- 0	
185.	Lights &ca. &ca.		3- 8- 0- 0	
		Sa. Rs	6- 8- 0- 0	
	Tomb of Nawaub Dilawer Jung			
186.	4 Readers of the Khoran @ 4/- . . .		16- 0- 0- 0	
187.	1 Frashe		3- 8- 0- 0	
188.	1 Cook		3- 0- 0- 0	
189.	1 Sweeper		3- 0- 0- 0	
		Sa. Rs.	25- 8- 0 -0	
190.	Rice, Dholl, Ghee &ca. for Beggars . .		60- 0- 0- 0	
191.	Lights &ca. &ca		16- 0- 0- 0	
		Sa. Rs	76- 0- 0- 0	
	Khoosh Baugh Tomb of Mozuffur Jungs Begum			
192.	2 Readers of the Khoran @ 3/8 . . .		7- 0- 0- 0	
193.	1 Frashe		3- 0- 0- 0	
194.	1 Sweeper		3- 0- 0- 0	
195.	1- Cook		3- 0- 0- 0	
			16- 0- 0- 0	

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			Rs. A. G. C.	Remarks
196.	Rice, Dholl, Ghee &ca. for Beggars		50- 0- 0- 0	
197.	Lights &ca.		15- 0- 0- 0	
		Sa. Rs.	65- 0- 0- 0	
	Tomb of Rabea Grandmother of Nawaub Soulut Jung			
198.	1 Reader		3- 8- 0- 0	
199.	Lights &ca.		6- 0- 0- 0	
		Sa. Rs.	9- 8- 0- 0	
	Tomb of Nawaub Dilawer Jungs Begum			
200.	1 Reader		3- 8- 0- 0	
201.	Rice &ca. for Beggars . .		30- 0- 0- 0	
202	Lights &ca.		6- 0- 0- 0	
		Sa. Rs.	39- 8 0- 0	
	Tomb of Debrus Bunnoo Begum Mother-in-Law of Nawaub D. J.			
203	1 Reader . . .		3- 8- 0- 0	
204	Lights &ca .		5- 0- 0- 0	
		Sa. Rs.	8- 8- 0- 0	
	Tomb of Bannee Begum Aunt of Nawaub Dilawer Jung			
205.	1 Reader . . .		3- 8- 0- 0	
206.	Lights &ca . . .		5- 0- 0- 0	
		Sa Rs.	8- 8- 0- 0	
	Tomb of Nawaub Behramjung			
207.	1 Reader		3- 8- 0- 0	
208.	Lights &ca		5- 0- 0- 0	
		Sa. Rs	8- 8- 0- 0	
	Tomb of Zeynubon Nissa Begum Sister of Nawaub B. J			
209.	1 Reader . .		3- 8- 0- 0	
210.	Lights &ca.		5- 0- 0- 0	
		Sa. Rs	8- 8- 0- 0	
	Kitchen			
211.	1 Head Cook and 3 Cooks .		31- 8- 0- 0	
212.	7 Male Cooks . . .		18- 2- 0- 0	
213.	Rice, Dholl, Ghee &ca.		205- 9- 0- 0	
		Sa. Rs	255- 3- 0- 0	
	Chur or Muz Khannah			
214.	1 Sirdar and 7 Men . .		47- 8- 0- 0	
215.	Bread &ca. . . .		170- 0- 0- 0	
		Sa. Rs.	217- 8- 0- 0	
	Stable			
216.	Saddle Horse 1 Syce . .			
217.	Troopers Do. 8 Do. . .			
218.	Set of 4 Coach Horses 4 Do.			
219.	Carriage Horses 8 Do. .			

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		Rs. A. G. C.	Remarks
	With Nawaub Hossun Jung		
220.	Syces 22	83- 0- 0- 0	
221.	2 Coachmen	15- 0- 0- 0	
222.	(Torn)	5- 0- 0- 0	
223.	Khaullye	129- 7-12- 2	
224.	Grass	41- 4- 0- 0	
225.	Firewood	17-13- 0- 0	
226.	Medicine	11- 0- 0- 0	
227.	Shoeing	16- 8- 0- 0	
228.	Oil &ca	3- 4- 5- 0	
229.	Salt	1- 4-11- 2	
	Sa. Rs.	240- 9- 9- 0	
	Nawsawki with Nawaub Soulut Jung		
230.	4 Syces		
231.	1 Do Nawaub Zuffer Jung		
232.	1 Do. Shah Mirza Sahib		
233.	1 Do. Zenal ab Khan called Nawaub Meer		
234.	7 Syces	31- 0- 0- 0	
235.	1 Coachman with Nawaub Soulut Jung	8- 0- 0- 0	
236.	Gram	36- 6- 5- 0	
237.	Grass	21- 0- 0- 0	
238.	Medicine	3- 8- 0- 0	
239.	Shoeing	6- 4- 0- 0	
240.	Oil &ca.	1- 8- 0- 0	
241	Salt	0-11- 5- 0	
	Sa. Rs.	67- 5-10-0	
	Elephants with Nawaub Dilawer Jung		
242.	Mam Guz—1 Mahaut & 2 Mates	12- 0- 0- 0	
	Grain, Chana, Medicine &ca.	50-11- 0-15	
	Sa. Rs.	62-11- 0-15	
	Elephants with Nabob Soulut Jung		
243	1 Fouzdar	10- 0- 0- 0	
244.	8 Mahauts (@ 5/-	40- 0- 0- 0	
245.	2 Mates Do. (@ 3/-	6- 0- 0- 0	
	Sa. Rs.	56- 0- 0- 0	
	Gram &ca		
	Rousoul Buksh	35- 0- 0- 0	
	Dilawer Guz	35- 0- 0- 0	
	Dilawer Picar	35- 0- 0- 0	
	Emaum Namazee	35- 0- 0- 0	
	Hossein Mairee	35- 0- 0- 0	
	Rutton Mahutta	35- 0- 0- 0	
	Dillur Guz	35- 0- 0- 0	
	Pawaun Munnee	34- 2-10- 0	
	Sa. Rs.	279- 2-10- 0	
	Gow Khannah		
	1 Darogah	7- 0- 0- 0	
	1 Sirdar Rutwaun	4- 0- 0- 0	
	6 Rutwauns (@ 3/8	21- 0- 0- 0	
	Sa. Rs	32- 0- 0- 0	
	Grain &ca.		
	Gram &ca.	50- 7-10- 0	
	3 Gwallers with cows	9- 0- 0- 0	
	Gram &ca. &ca. for Do.	38- 2- 0- 0	
	Sa. Rs.	97- 9-10- 0	

Enclosure No. 1.

Statement of the Receipts & Disbursements of the late Nuwab Dilawer Jung decd.—*Concld.*

		Rs. A. G. C.	Remarks
Buffaloes			
Jaumoosh Khannah			
1 Keeper		4- 0- 0- 0	
Gram &ca.		26- 0- 0- 0	
	Sa. Rs.	30- 0- 0- 0	
Mussaul Khannah			
Wax Candles for N. D. J. 2 p. Diem		11- 4- 0- 0	
Oil for lighting House 6/1-2 p. Diem		30-11- 0- 0	
Nausawkt			
Wax Candles for N. S. J. 1 p. Diem Do. for N. Zuffur Jung 1 Do.		11- 4- 0- 0	
Oil for lighting House 8 Md. 10 Seers 4 Ch. P. Mens.		73- 7- 0- 0	This includes the Expenditure of the House of Nashat Baugh, Aufzul Baugh, all the apartments of the Zananas &ca. &ca.
	Sa. Rs.	126-10- 0- 0	
Hookah Snakes, Tobacco &ca.			
Snakes		8- 0- 0- 0	
Gools		4- 0- 0- 0	
Tobacco		10- 0- 0- 0	
Chillums &ca.		2- 0- 0- 0	
	Sa. Rs.	24- 0- 0- 0	
Doombah Khannah &ca. (Sheep, Deer Peacock &ca.)			
2 Servants		6- 0- 0- 0	
Gram &ca.		35- 6- 0- 0	
	Sa. Rs.	41- 6- 0- 0	
Land Revenue paid to Collector for Aufzul Baugh &ca.		213-15-19- 0	
Servants for collecting Revenue		128-10- 3- 1	
	Sa. Rs.	342-10- 2- 1	
Nashaut Baugh, Aufzul Baugh, Pahie Baugh Gardeners		46- 0- 0- 0	
Revenue paid to Collector for Chitpore		47-13- 1- 2	
Servants for collecting &ca.		184- 2- 6- 3	
	Sa. Rs.	231-15- 8- 1	
Mohorum &ca.			
Tazia Khannah		200- 0- 0- 0	
Ramjaun		33- 5- 8- 0	This is given to Children & Relations during the Month of Ramzaun
Shuburaut		12- 8- 0- 0	This is for Flowers &ca. &ca. for the Tombs
Behrah		8- 5- 6- 2	
Dusseerah		2- 8- 0- 0	For flags &ca.
Khoondah Tattia		2- 8- 0- 0	In the Month of Rajeb this offering is in the name Jullauls Bokarree
New Year		33- 5- 8- 0	
Ede		4- 2- 0- 0	
Bakreed		8- 5- 6- 2	
Mangoes		16-10-13- 1	
For Sweetmeats, Pickles		25- 0- 0- 0	
Repairs, Whitewashing House &ca.		200- 0- 0- 0	
Tabeslanee & Zemistanee, or Summer & Winter Clothing		300- 0- 0- 0	
Oranges		8- 5- 6- 2	
Pens, Ink, & Paper		7- 0- 0- 0	
	Sa. Rs.	862- 0- 2- 0	
Charity			
10 Women		29- 0- 0- 0	

Enclosure No. 2.

Abstract Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the late Nawaub Delawur Jung

Amount of Stipend received from Government	11,200- 0- 0- 0
Revenue of Lands, House Rent &ca. &ca.	1,543-10-10- 0
	12,743-10-10- 0
Excess of Expences over and above Monthly Receipts	1,936-14-15- 3
	Sa. Rs. 14,680- 9- 5- 3

Jeel Khaas, or Privy Purse . .	3,150- 0- 0- 0
Furzandan Akrabah, or Children and Relations	4,842-12- 0- 0
Mehalserai or Zenana Departments .	1,000- 0- 9- 0
Imteazee or Upper Servants . .	37- 0- 0- 0
Moonshees	75- 8- 0- 0
Vakeels	235- 0- 0- 0
Eunuchs	15- 0- 0- 0
Ahul Khullum or Office . . .	169- 0- 0- 0
Shagird Paisha or Household Servants	44- 0- 0- 0
Hookabadaurs Establishment . .	28- 0- 0- 0
Chobdaurs	68- 0- 0- 0
Hirkarras . .	126- 0- 0- 0
Frash Khannah . . .	91- 0- 0- 0
Toshuck Khannah	80- 0- 0- 0
Abdar Khannah . .	25 8- 0- 0
Sillaar Khannah or Armoury . .	13- 0- 0- 0
Khutoob Khannah or Library . .	16- 4- 0- 0
Dhuwye Khannah or Medicines .	9- 8- 0- 0
Privy	11- 0- 0- 0
Cavalry	41 8- 0- 0
Spearmen	18- 0- 0- 0
Sepoys	510-12- 0- 0
Ghurree Wallas or People to strike the hour	32- 0- 0- 0
Mewattus or Chokeydaurs . .	12- 0- 0- 0
Bearers	54- 0- 0- 0
Masolchees	54- 0- 0- 0
Immaurut or Building Establishment	39- 8- 0- 0
Bheestees	48-12- 0- 0
Barbers . . .	20- 0- 0- 0
Moolnahs for calling to Prayers .	8- 8- 0- 0
Khudeem Molaumazunee Imteazee or Old Servants Pensioned . .	52- 0- 0- 0
Nobut Khannah . .	91-14- 0- 0
Expenses for 14 Tombs . . .	498-15-10- 0
Kitchen	255- 3- 0- 0
Char or Maize Khannah, or Bread, Butter, Tea Sugar &ca. . .	217- 8- 0- 0
Stable	429-14- 9- 0
Pheel Khannah or Elephants . .	397-14- 5- 0
Gow Khannah or Bullocks, Cows, &ca.	129- 9-10- 0
Jammoos Khannah or Buffaloes .	30- 0- 0- 0
Mashaul Khannah, or Oil, Candles &ca.	126-10- 0- 0
Bindah Khannah, or Tobacco Gools &ca.	24- 0- 0- 0
Doombah Khannah Ahookannah Mohurkhannah, or Sheep, Deer and Peacocks	41- 6- 0- 0
Revenue paid to Collector, and Expences of collecting the same	618- 9-10- ½
Festivals &ca. . . . . Saleana and Zemistanee or Summer and Winter Clothing . .	862- 0- 2- 0
Charity	29- 0- 0- 0
Sa. Rs.	14,680- 9- 5- 3

Enclosure No. 3.

Property of Delawer Jung			Estimated Value	Yearly Revenue	Remarks
From the Collectors Treasury on account of the Byram Gunj					
Market P. Mensem	84- 0- 9- 0				
Assed Gunje P. Mensem	11-12-16- 2			1,008- 5- 8- 0	
Rent of the Collectors Kutchery . . .	80- 0- 0- 0	P. Mensem		141- 9-18- 0	
Revenue from five Villages named Byram Gunje, Bahshaury, Octa, Choona Callee and Tulleegungpore .	833- 5- 6- 2	Do.		960- 0- 0- 0	
Deduct Rent paid to the Government .	213-15-19- 0	Do.			
	619- 5- 7- 2	Do.		7,432- 0-12- 0	
Revenues from the lands at Chitpore monthly Revenue .	584- 7-18 or Yearly 6,413-14- 6 Deduct . . 573-12-18- 0			5,840- 1-18- 0	
		5,840- 1-18- 0		15,382- 1-16- 1	
Nishaut Baug including 2 small pucka Houses		Sicca Rupees .	90,000- 0- 0- 0		As estimated by Mr. C. Keating about the Year 1793/4 A.D.
Aufzul Baug			60,000- 0- 0- 0		On this House 30,000 Rs. has been expended since 1802 A.D.
Nowsaught			40,000- 0- 0- 0		This House is the Old Family Mansion in the City & gone greatly to decay
Chitpore Estates			2,50,000- 0- 0- 0		
Elliot Baugh			50,000- 0- 0- 0		
Furniture and Equipages			20,000- 0- 0- 0		
2 Begas of Land near Moorshedabad			250- 0- 0- 0		
Balance of Stipend for 19 days of November . .			7,093- 5- 6- 2		
		Total	5,17,343- 5- 6- 2		

Enclosure No. 4.

Property of Nawaub Soulut Jung	Estimated Value	Yearly Revenue	Remarks
Bekna Paharree	7,000- 0- 0- 0		A present from his Father Delawer Jung in the Year 1801 now very much delapidated
A House at Moorshedabad built by himself upon a piece of Land given to him by Delawer Jung . . .	3,000- 0- 0- 0		This Piece of Land was given to Nawaub Soulut Jung by his Father in 1801 A.D.
A Garden near the Cantonment of Berhampore	4,000- 0- 0- 0		This place was purchased from Genl. Morris by Soulut Jung in the Year 1816 A.D.
A Piece of Land called Humdoompore . .	500- 0- 0- 0		This piece of Land he purchased himself in the name of a slave Girl in 1818/19
A Piece of Land at Cassitolee	350- 0- 0- 0		This piece of Land was purchased by S. J. Do. Do.
A Piece of Land called Booree near the Patna District, yields a revenue of		120- 0- 0- 0	
A Baug called Chunda Baug at Moorshedabad . .		150- 0- 0- 0	
A small piece of Ground at Chitpore		50- 0- 0- 0	A present from his Father in 1805/6 A.D.
A House at Berhampore at present rented to Colonel Edwards at 100 Rs. P. Mensem		1,200- 0- 0- 0	This House was purchased by Soulut Jung in his sons name in the Year 1812/13 A.D.
Furniture	5,200- 0- 0- 0		
Sa. Rs.	20,050- 0- 0- 0	2,600- 0- 0- 0	

Enclosure No. 5.

Property of Meer Jaffer	Estimated Value	Yearly Revenue	Remarks
A House in the City of Moorshedabad	6,000- 0- 0- 0		This House he received from his Mother Goraru Begum also much Wealth in Jewels, but I have not been able to discover if they are still in his possession or sold

Enclosure No. 6.

Moorshir Jung's Property	Estimated Value	Yearly Revenue	Remarks
Moorbarie Baug	3,500- 0- 0- 0		This House was given to Mooshir Jung by his Father Delawer Jung valued at that time at 5,000 it has since fallen into decay and yields a Revenue of 200 Rs. p. annum
Two Houses in Moorshedabad	2,000- 0- 0- 0		These Houses were given to Mooshir Jung by his Father and are now rented for 9 Rs. per Mensem
A place called Cocubazar .		100- 0- 0- 0	This Place was given to Mooshir Jung by Delawer Jung
A small place in Calcutta .		50- 0- 0- 0	This Place was given to Mooshir Jung by his Father
Noorgung . . .		25- 0- 0- 0	This Place was given to Mooshir Jung by Soulut Jung who received it from his Father
	5,500- 0- 0- 0	175- 0- 0- 0	

Bunnee Begum the Widow of Mooshir Jung is said to be possessed of Property to the Amount of Ten Thousand Rupees, independantly of a claim upon Delawer Jung's Estate of

Sa. Rs. 20,220-13-2

Mohummud Ali Khan the son of the above pair, is said not to possess much Property beyond his share of his Fathers Property, and a claim against D. J.'s Estate for Rs. 981-10-13 and a claim upon his Grandmother's marriage Settlement. Sahibzadree Begum the Sister of Mohummud Ali has a claim upon Delawer Jung's Estate for 380 Rs. She will share in her late Fathers Property

Enclosure No. 7.

Property of Azoomund Bunno Begum	Estimated Value	Yearly Revenue	Remarks
A House at Moorshedabad	10,000- 0- 0- 0		This House was left to this Lady by her late Husband Bissaulut Jung
A Piece of land near Aufzul Baug		150- 0- 0- 0	Given to her by her Father Delawer Jung
Near Khoorum Baug		12- 0- 0- 0	Ditto Ditto
Do. Fendall Baug a piece of Land . . .		100- 0- 0- 0	Ditto Ditto
Do. near Begum Gunje		12 -0- 0- 0	Ditto Ditto
A Pucka Bazar		240- 0- 0- 0	This Bazar is the Lower storey of her House
A small Jageer		300- 0- 0- 0	This Jageer she received from her Husband
		814- 0- 0- 0	

Enclosure No. 8.

Property of Wullattee Begum	Estimated Value	Yearly Revenue	Remarks
A Jageer . . P. mens: 500 Rs.		6,000- 0- 0- 0	Of this Amount she gives 200 Rs. Monthly to her Children and keeps 300 Rs. for herself

Enclosure No. 9.

Property of Syud Muhummud Khan	Estimated Value	Yearly Revenue	Remarks
A House valued at	1,500- 0- 0- 0		

Enclosure No. 10.

Property of Jegree Begum	Estimated Value	Yearly Revenue	Remarks
A House valued	2,000- 0- 0- 0		

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to Govt., Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to inform you that I attended His Highness the Nazim on Saturday the 12 at the Furrah Baug for the purpose of delivering my Credentials as Officiating Agent during the absence of Mr. Ricketts. I am sorry to say he was so unwell, as to be obliged to receive me into his bedroom, and altho' my audience was very short, he reclined upon his Bed during the whole period of it.

2d. After I had delivered the letter, and His Highness had read it, I commenced the Conversation by expressing my sorrow to see him so unwell, and my regret at being obliged to trouble him with business at such a period: but the point on which I had to address him required little from himself and therefore altho' he was so ill, I must beg leave to press it upon his attention. "It was" I said "that he should name some person of trust and respectability for the office of Dewan—that such a person was necessary, the present instance of my being compelled to talk to him upon business, when he was obviously so unwell was a sufficient proof even if there were not many other very weighty reasons for

such an appointment," I here brought forward such reasons as appeared most likely to convince him, when he replied. "I will not hesitate to tell you my wishes, who is there here fit to be my Dewan, there is Soulut Jung whom I personally dislike and hope you do not wish me to name him." I replied that I begged to assure him that I did not in any shape wish to oppose his wishes, and if he would but name a proper and respectable person I had but little doubt that the Most Noble the Governor General would be inclined to gratify him by confirming his Nomination. He then continued, "I do not like Soulut Jung nor do I like any of the Saits. I wish to name Rajah Oudwunt Sing he is a wealthy Man and of high Rank, and one who by his prudence has added to his Treasures, and I hope by his advice I may do the same." I replied I would report his wishes to the Most Noble the Governor General in Council who I sincerely hoped might have it in his power to gratify His Highness in this respect ; as from all I could understand the Rajah was a respectable person.

3d. I request you will do me the honor to notify to me the orders of the Government upon this Nomination. I am not at present aware of any reason why the wishes of His Highness the Nazim might not be attended to in this instance ; and if Rajah Oudwunt Singh was bound down under serious Penalties not to have any Money dealings with any of the Persons connected with the Nizamut I do not know of any objection to him on account of his being a Banker.

4th. As there are two Years of Accounts in arrears and as it will require not only an intelligent person but one accustomed to the detail of Accounts to conduct the Duties of Dewan hereafter with propriety and correctness, I might add in addition to the wishes on the part of His Highness for the confirmation of Rajah Oudwunt Singh that I perhaps may find him more useful than almost any other Individuals that could have been named from this City, as he is esteemed by the Natives as an excellent man of business.

5th. Previously to my taking my leave His Highness said, "You see I really am unwell, and should I continue so much longer I trust I may be allowed to try change of Air." I then paid him some Compliments and retired.

6th. I request you will do me the favor to inform me how I am to meet His Highness's wishes in this respect. There can be but little doubt His Highness is very unwell ; his complaint appears to be of an inflamatory nature, and the Lungs the seat of the disease ; he had a very bad cough attended with spitting of blood. I am prepared to tell His Highness that he must pay all the Extra Expenses from his private Funds, unless the Government gives me instruction to the contrary.

7th. I have the honor to enclose a Letter from His Highness in reply to that containing my Credentials, for His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 14th May 1821. F. W. Russell.

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to Govt., Fort William.

Sir,—It is with great regret I have to notice to you for the information of the Most Noble the Governor General in Council that the Nawaub Nusseer ood Deen Hyder Uncle of His Highness the Nazim of Bengal died this Morning.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, F. W. Russell,
the 23d May 1821. *O. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to Govt., Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 5th Instant relative to Nabob Abool Hossein.

2. I immediately took measures for ascertaining the Nawaubs residence but all my endeavors to discover where he had concealed himself proved futile. I had reason to believe from such information as I had been able to obtain that he was still lingering in the gardens in and about the City of Moorshedabad, in consequence I addressed a letter to the Magistrate of Bhaugulpore, a copy of which I have the honor to enclose requesting him to acquaint me if the Nawaub is residing in his district, according to the orders of Government, some days elapsed without my receiving any reply, I therefore wrote to the Magistrate of this City (Copy of which letter is also enclosed) to discover if the Nawaub was within his Jurisdiction, I at the same time sent for Meer Mehdee the Nawaubs Brother, remonstrated in a friendly manner on the contumacious conduct of Abool Hossein ; strongly recommended if he possessed any influence over him to use it in prevailing on him to return to Bhaugulpore as his continuing to act in opposition to the orders of Government, must be disadvantageous to his Interest. I am inclined to believe Meer Mehendee attended to this advice, as I yesterday received a letter from Mr. Parry the Magistrate of Bhaugulpore under date the 19 Instant reporting Meer Abool Hossein being in his District.

3d. On the receipt of Mr. Parrys letter I proceeded to carry into effect the orders of the Most Noble the Governor General in Council under date the 5th of May by addressing the Collectors of Moorshedabad and Bhaugulpore as also the Magistrate of the latter place, copies of which I have the honor to enclose for His Lordships information.

4th. With reference to the 2d Paragraph of your Letter I beg leave to state that upon application to the Serishtha of the Nizamut I find that Abool Hossein had regularly received his allowances up to November last, when his direct and continued opposition to the orders of Government, and his utter inattention to all communications from the Agent induced Mr. Ricketts to suspend the payment of his Stipend in the hope of bringing him to a sense of the impropriety of his behaviour but this measure had not the desired effect, as he was supplied

with Money by his Mother and Brother who I am sorry to say encouraged him in his contumacious conduct.

5th. I beg leave to recommend the suspension of the payment of the (700 Rs.) arrears of his stipend accumulated since its suspension in November last, until such times as I am able to ascertain the manner in which the Nawaub is disposed to conduct himself should he conform to the orders of Government I propose remitting him one half of his Arrears retaining the remainder (3,500 Rs.) for the purpose of liquidating the claims against him, which I am endeavouring to arrange by an amicable adjustment.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 26th May 1821.

F. W. Russell, *O. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to Govt., Fort William.

Sir,—I had the honor to receive your Letter dated the 2d of June on Monday last the 4th Instant.

2d. On Tuesday I attended His Highness the Nawaub Nazim for the purpose of presenting the Letter from the Most Noble the Governor General in Council confirming H. H. Nomination of Rajah Oodwant Sing to be Dewan.

3d. It is with sincere Regret I have to state to you for the information of the Most Noble the Governor General in Council that I found H. H. so exceedingly ill that he was unable to rise from his bed ; after expressing my sorrow at finding H. H. so unwell, I presented to him His Excellencys letter, which he read with evident satisfaction.

4th. His Highness the Nawab Nazim requested me, as he said, he was too ill to attend to any Business to draw up with Rajah Oodwant Sing the documents directed to be given by the Rajah to His Highness in the 7th Paragraph of your Dispatch dated May 26.

5th. His Highness did not appear anxious to fix a day for the Installation of the Rajah, but at length he was induced to appoint Sunday next the 10th Inst. for that purpose.

6th. I request you will do me the honor to inform me if I am to invest the Rajah with the Khillut which it has been Customary to present to a Dewan on the occasion of his being appointed to that Office, the Khillut Consists of the following Articles, an Elephant, a Palque, a Horse Seven pieces of Cloths (Called sath parchar) a sirpesh and Jeegha, a Pearl Necklace, a Pearl Chowery and a Sword & shield.

7th. I understand that it was also Customary to grant to the Dewan a Title, on his Installation ; when Doolub Ram was made Dewan, he received the Title of Moharajah Draj Inhender: upon Goor Doss being appointed, he was dignified with the honors of Moharajah Draj Goor Put Bahador, in like manner Rajah Soonder Sing received the higher Rank of Moodubbur ool Moolk, Moharajah Brij Inder.

8th. Such having been the Custom upon the appointment of former Dewans, I beg you will do me the favor to inform me if it is the pleasure of H. E. the Most Noble the Governor General in Council that the Practice be continued in the present instance & also the Title His Excellency may be pleased to confer on Rajah Odwunt Sing.

9th. Should H. E. the Most Noble the G. G. in Council be pleased to order that the Khellaut and superior Rank be granted as customary to Rajah Oodwunt Sing upon the present occasion I request your instructions If I am to purchase the articles Composing the Khellaut at this station or whether they will be sent to me from your Office.

10. The Rajah Oodwunt Sing has repeatedly assured me he is ready to sign any document binding himself under severe penalties to have no dealings incompatible with the duty of Dewan with any of the members of the Nizamut.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 8th June 1821.

F. W. Russell, *O. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—On the 8th Inst. I had the honor to inform you that I delivered to H. H. the Nawab Nazim of Bengal, the letters from H. E. the Most Noble the Governor General notifying, His Lordship in Council's Confirmation of H. H. nomination of Rajah Oodwunt Sing to be the Dewan for Nizamut Affairs, and that the Nawab Nazim had fixed Sunday the 16th Instant for the Installation of the Rajah in his Office.

2d. On the 8th Inst. in the Evening, I received a visit from the Rajah Oodwunt Sing ; he came, he said, to tell me, that as it was Customary when a Dewan was Installed for the Nazim to grant him a title as well as a Dress of Honor, to this I replied, I had received no particular Instructions on the subject, that I possessed no power of my own to grant such an honor, but that the question might be easily effected by H. Highness presenting the Dress of honor on the 10th Instant as already agreed upon and deferring the title till I heard from Calcutta, as the Eed was near at hand the title if His Lordship in Council sanctioned, it might be conferred on that day the Rajah strongly protested against this mode of proceeding as not having been usual in the Nizamut, to this I could but answer, I had no instructions on the subject that I would never in any shape Compromise the Dignity of my Government, that if the granting of a title was usual of course His Highness would grant it, but that I could not acknowledge it till the power from whence I received my orders directed me to do so, much Conversation took place upon this point to the same purport that I now mention, my replies simply resting upon my having no Instructions and my determination not to risk the displeasure of my superiors by any act of my Own.

3d. On the Morning of the 9th thinking it possible His H. might listen to bad advisers and be induced to grant what might not be Confirmed and conceiving it would be more to the dignity & honor of the Nazim, that the

Installation should be deferred rather than any part should be repeated, I addressed a Letter to him (a copy of which I have the honor to enclose) stating that I had heard he proposed to grant the Rajah a title at the time of his Installation, that I hoped His Highness would have the goodness to present the Rajah with a Dress of Honor on the 10th as already agreed upon but I hoped he would defer the ceremony of granting a title to him until the Eed by which time I should be able to receive His Lordships pleasure upon the subject.

4th. I addressed a Letter of similar tenor to the Rajah himself, that he might endeavour to dissuade His Highness from pressing the question relative to the title.

5th. In the Evening of the 9th I again had a visit from Rajah Oodwunt Sing, I took a note of what passed ; immediately the Rajah left me and it was to the following effect During the time the Rajah was with me I received a Letter (a Copy I have the honor to enclose) from His Highness, but not a reply to mine of that morning it merely stated his Intention of Investing the Rajah with the Dress and titles according to the Custom of his House and expected my being present I replied that H. Highness of Course would do what was Customary, but I earnestly hoped he would defer the title till the Eed, that I should attend his Durbar with pleasure.

6th. Very early in the morning of the 10th I received a Message, that His Highness had taken medicine and could not see me, I merely replied that His Highness had notified to me in writing that a Public Ceremony was to take place on that day without communication in a similar form that it was postponed, I must attend His Highness.

7th. From every Concurring Report, I understood that His Highness was dangerously ill, that he was far too weak to be removed to the River for Change of Air, and that he was becoming daily more alarmed at his own situation and more feeble ; I therefore Considered the day of Installation would be a good Opportunity for my asking a Professional English Gentleman to see His Highness and give me for the information of my Government, his opinion of the true state of the Nawaub's health ; I Considered this, the more necessary as I could not get any person, in whom I had the smallest Confidence near His Highness's person, to report to me his true state, Furruttoollah being the only Being His Highness admitted and this man from interested motives preventing any other Servant from approaching His Highness.

8th. When I received His Highness's Letter on the Evening of the 9th I wrote a letter to Mr. Smith the Civil Surgeon at this station requesting him to do me the favour to see H. Highness and give me his opinion as to the state of his health ; he immediately Consented and promised to attend me at 9 O'Clock.

9th. According to his promise Mr. Smith came to my house at nine on the morning of the 10th a little before ten as I had not received any written notification Contrary to the tenor of my letter of the evening before, stating my intention of attending His Highness's Durbar I set off to be there at the hour appointed ; when I was near the City I was met by two men on horseback one gave me a Letter from His Highness (a Copy of which I have the honor to enclose) it stated that as the investiture was not granted according to Custom it could not take place at all.

10th. As Mr. Smith was with me and we were near the River and as I was rather alarmed having heard that the Rains which had set-in on the evening of the 8th Instant had caused a visible change for the worse in His Highness's health I determined to see him if possible but if I could not, at least that Mr. Smith should. I consequently went on near the bank of the River I met my servant returning whom I had sent on this occasion of state they said H. Highness was very ill and during the night had been worse ; this confirmed my determination that Mr. Smith ought to see His Highness and not to press to do so myself or agitate the Question of the Investiture but to be guided by Mr. Smith's report of his health.

11th. When about to cross the River I was met by a Confidential servant of Furruttoollah Khan, who told me His Highness could not see me, I replied it was of the utmost importance for me to see H. Highness and directed him to return & say so ;—this man again met me and in very offensive Language informed me that if I come to his door I should not be admitted, I took no notice of this person or his Communication immediately after I received a secret solicitation from some Respectable person of note requesting me not to return without letting the Medical Gentleman see His Highness, of Course I proceeded to the Furrah Baug.

12th. I am sorry to say I was not received at His Highness's Door with proper Respect after waiting about ten minutes a deputation Consisting of Furruttoollah Khan and Gungadhur Baboo (the latter is son-in-law to the late Joynaut Ghose and a most Respectable man) came to me, the former Commenced an impertinent (illegible) at my intrusion, I stopp'd him by saying I did not Know who he was, but that I saw a respectable man with whom I should Communicate ; I then requested Gungadhur to tell H. Highness, that if he was too unwell to see me on business I hoped as a friend to relieve the alarm I felt upon his account, that he would see the medical Gentleman who was with me ; the deputation retired and in about an hour returned Saying H. Highness would see Mr. Smith, but not me, this I considered quite sufficient and Mr. Smith went to H. Highness's Room.

13th. It is with sincere sorrow I have to state Mr. Smith's Report Corresponded too nearly with what I had heard, but not as to the immediate danger of H. Highness. Mr. Smith told me His Highness's Complaint was a pictorial one, that he was much debilitated by Constant fever, that he was too weak to be moved for Change of Air, and Certainly too ill to transact any business, that the Complaint was of a dangerous nature, that he could not say how long a Patient might live who suffered under it possibly a month or six months or even a Year, but much depended upon the patient himself Mr. Smith, told me he has offered to the native medical man who attended His Highness any medicines that he possessed which the Hukeem might think would be of benefit to H. Highness.

14th. Upon my departure I directed Gungadhur to express my thanks to H. Highness for having seen Mr. Smith, and told him to add, I should not while H. Highness was in such a weak irritable state from disease send any message upon business we then took our leave.

15th. The Rajah Called upon me about six O'Clock he said he came by order of H. Highness, that he had seen the Letter I had written to the Nawaub that morning, that His Highness could not give the Khillaut without the title that it had been the Custom of the Nazim for 40 Years—to grant a title when a Khillaut was given, and to alter the Custom would degrade him in the Eyes of all the persons in the City, to this, I replied & I adhered to the point that I had written for Instructions, and that I was sorry to say all the information I had been enabled to receive tended to shew that the Custom had been, that at the time the Nazim proposed a Nobleman for his Dewan he mentioned the title by which he wished the Dewan to be addressed—that the Records of this Office did not in any place express the exact Etiquette of Investiture, the Rajah replied, that it appeared I wished to degrade H. Highness in the Eyes of the City. I immediately replied such a Charge and asserted I wished to see H. H. do that alone which tended to make him respectable not only in the Eyes of the Inhabitants of Moorshedabad, but in those of the British Government & taking the advice of the Most Noble the Governor General on any subject, must raise rather than depress him. The Rajah begged me to defer the Day I replied His Highness had fixed the day, that I had reported the Circumstance and that any alteration would have the appearance of (torn) I at this period received a note from H. Highness stating he proposed to grant the Rajah the dress and titles usual on the occasion of investing a Dewan on the next Monday and seemed to expect my attendance I shewed the Letter to the Rajah and said I would only reply to H. Highness Letter that of Course he would do as was Customary but that I earnestly solicited H. Highness to give the Khellaut tomorrow and the title upon the Eed by which time I should hope to hear His Lordship's pleasure, this conversation lasted at least two hours, I could not alter my letter, because if it had been the Custom of H. Highness's house to grant the dignity of a title I did not refuse to be present, and to secure his Dignity from any stain ; by the deferring that part of the Ceremony I made the deferring it a request ; I accordingly sent a Letter to this tenor and the Rajah also wrote a Note to His Highness stating my scruples and reasons for them he then took his leave.

16th. It now becomes my duty to tender my reasons for wishing H. Highness not to grant a title till the Eed but that the Khellaut should be given immediately, I considered that the day His Lordship in Council's confirmation of Rajah Oodwunt as Dewan was made known to His Highness from that hour the Rajah was bonafide the Dewan that the Investiture was merely giving public notice of the Event, and that the Rajah was Dewan whether he received the Khellaut or not, at least so much so that it was not in the power of the Nazim to refuse to invest him in consequence he ought to do it directly without the sanction of the Most Noble the Governor General and that my reason for desiring time to hear from you was founded on the 3d Paragraph of Mr. Monckton's Letter to Mr. Brooke dated the 26th September 1812—a reference to you avoided hurting His Highness's feelings under his present sickness which has rendered him so extremely irritable that a Communication made directly so contrary to his desires might probably prove fatal to him. I trust therefore my temporizing will be approved.

17th. I own I considered His Highness more immediately dangerously ill than Mr. Smith's Report shews him to have been, but still, that Report makes him too ill to be moved and too ill to transact Business ; It therefore, becomes my duty to call your attention to His Highness's reply enclosed in which he refers for no just reason to invest Rajah Oodwunt Singh as H. Highness's right to grant title has been denied and so distinctly notified to him.

18th. His Highness's adviser of the present measure is a man of the name of Furrahtoollah Khawn the Character of this person is too well known to the Government to need any notice from me but that Mr. Welland found it necessary to advise His Highness to expell him from his Court in the Year 1812.

19th. I ought perhaps here to notice the state of the Nizamut there is no Dewan, no Peishkar, no Seeristadar, no Mohurrur and no head of the Deuries ; His Highness by the means of Furrahtoollah Khan, Conducts all the duties ; he has lately (without any notice having been made to me) appointed two Ameens to pay all the Dependents in the Deuries of the late Waulida Begum, and has directed from the various stipends one third from each upon my noticing this to His Highness he denied all knowledge of the Fact and Furrahtoollah Khan says he is no servant of the Nizamut and will not attend me ; my Door is thronged with Dependants of the Nizamut Calling for Justice all that is done is Conducted with so much Cunning that I have no power to remedy the misfortune, for if I send a Complaint to H. Highness for redress against any one he hands them over to Furrahtoollah Khan saying he is too ill to do any Business ; Furrahtoollah Khan, who is the man has seized the whole of the property of Nawaub Nusserooddein Hyder (now deceased) he says he holds it for His Highness, but His Highness is too seriously ill to enter upon business and it is probably owing to this misfortune that Furrahtoollah Khan Clothes himself with His Highness's name ; I fear there is too much reason to believe that the money the Nawaub receives from his agent induces him to shut his Eyes to much Regulation.

20th. I would therefore solicit instructions if His Highness remains in his present state as to what is to be done, whether it would be proper for the agent to declare the Rajah duly appointed Dewan, and grant him a Khellaut as such or to name a Competent man as Peishkar to Conduct the accounts & whether it would be proper to have His Highness's Person (so long as he is so dangerously ill) placed in charge of the Heir presumptive, that the British Government declare that Heir Regent during His Highness's unfortunate Malady and the Regent to Conduct all the duties of office of Nizamut ; If the former be adopted I would solicit that His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General be induced to address His Highness upon his late conduct, it is with real pain I am compelled to make such a request, but the state of the Nizamut Calls for reformation and the only hope I have of seeing it effected is by having Efficient Officers appointed who are willing and Capable of Conducting the duties of their respective situations, and that never can nor never will be done so long as the

Nawaub Nazim Continues surrounded by his present people and remains too ill to transact Business himself. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 11th June 1821. F. W. Russell, *O. A. G. G.*

[724]

H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 5th of May Covering a Translation of a Petition from Nawaub Meer Mendhee.

I have deferred writing to you on the subject till I could discover if it was the intention of the Parties to adjust their Disputes amicably but upto the present day neither Party have referred to me, and I conclude I ought not to interfere unless specifically requested to do so by both Individuals.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 16th June 1821. F. W. Russell.

[725]

G. Swinton Esqr.,
Political Secretary Govt., Fort William.

Sir,—In Conformity to the instructions received from the Secretary to Government in the Political Department under date the 3d of April 1819 I have the honor to enclose Copy of a letter (and its Enclosure) I this day received from Mr. B. C. D. Bauman the Resident of the Netherlands Government at Calcapore.

I request you will have the goodness to lay it before the Most Noble the Governor General in Council & Obtain His Lordships commands on the subject.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 20th June 1821. F. W. Russell.

[726]

H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose Copies and translations of three Letters from Muddurood Dowlah the Nawaub of Rajmuhal notifying the Death of three of his Relations Ameena Begum, Meer Ashar Ali, & Meer Fuzul & stating how he would solicit Part of the Stipend formerly allotted to those Persons might in future be appropriated.

2d. The dignified Conduct of Marium Begum the wife of Muddarood Dowlah, in all that related to the honor & respectability of Family, her husband has been too repeatedly brought to the notice of the Most Noble the Governor General in Council to need any remark from me, but to add my solicitations, that the wishes in the present Instance may be complied with as they are intended alone for the comfort & dignity of the Family.

3d. I would also beg leave that the Balance of the Stipends may be added to the sums in Deposit for the purpose of defraying the Debts of Muddar ood Dowlah for which Marium Begum so Generously became security.

4th. I shall have the honor in a Day or two of further addressing you upon the subject of this Family Morium Begum having come down from Rajmahal for the purpose of settling all the affairs of her husband & of procuring the sanction of the Most Noble the Governor General in Council to several arrangements, you will then perhaps again observe, that all the efforts of this Lady, most disinterestedly tend to the happiness, Comfort and Dignity of her Husband's family alone.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 22d June 1821. F. W. Russell, *O. A. G. G.*

[727]

H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 12 Ultimo directing further information relative to some property said to belong to a Munkooah of the late Taleb Hossein Khan to be afforded you and calling for the Circumstances under which the Property was put under the seal of the Agent.

2d. Upon the Death of Taleb Hossein Khan, Oomdutoon nissa Begum laid Claim to all his Property for the purpose of repaying her Dower as settled at her Marriage (the Government have also called for further information on this subject).

3d. In Taleb Hossein Khan's house there were some trifling articles such as some Shawls &ca. &ca. that belonged to the Women of the Family, but as they could not agree as to their several Rights ; (each being unreasonable) the agent placed it under his seal until the Question of Individual Right could be settled for the purpose of preventing its being removed.

4th. As far as I have been able to learn, this was the reason of the seals being placed upon the Property ; as it is I understand of a perishable nature I solicited permission that the Question of Proprietorship should be referred by mutual agreement to a Punchayut a Form of Settlement agreeable to the feeling of the Natives.

5th. With regard to the information that has been Called for as noticed in the 2d Paragraph of this letter, I beg leave to inform you, I have made great Enquiries into the subject, the Deed of settlement was lodged in the Bubboo Begum's Dufter, as Omdutoon Nissa was one of her adopted Children tho' the Daughter of Mobark ood Dowlah by Brij Muhall Buksh, upon the Demise of Bubboo Begum her Dupter was sent to His Highness and altho' the records have been searched it has not yet been found. In consequence I have not as yet been able to forward the information called for in Mr. Swinton's letter to Mr. Ricketts's address dated 19th August 1820.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 23d June 1821. F. W. Russell, *O. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a Copy and translation of a letter which I have received from H. Highness the Nawaub Nazim—and beg leave to request you will furnish me with His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council's Pleasure upon the subject. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 23d June 1821.

F. W. Russell,
O. A. G. G.

Enclosure No. 1.
Translation of a letter from His Highness the Nazim after the usual Compliments.

Mirzah Golaum Ali Beg and others received from the Behla Department 85 (of this sum 40 was paid to Khadeja Khannum on her Death) 22 was held in deposit for her Daughter Azeezan Nissaur Khannum during the Superintendence of Mr. T. Brooke ; In the agency of Mr. Monckton a Monthly allowance of 23 to the Khannum was Sanctioned by the Most Noble the Governor General in Council who in consequence received 23 ; 22 had been Kept in deposit on the Death of Khadeja Khannum, Meer Bakeer Alli (the Grandson) was then quite a Child and no allowance was thought necessary—but he has now arrived to years of Maturity and has frequently addressed Petitions to me for some allowance being made for his support. He is a fine young man and being so nearly related to the late Khadeja Khannum I am Desirous that the remaining 22 Rs. which is in deposit should be settled on him and request the favour of your obtaining the Sanction of the Most Noble the Governor General in Council.

Enclosure No. 2.
Translation of 3 letters from Nawaub Madaar ud Dowlah after the usual Compliments.

Ameena Begum alias Nowassu Begum is Dead and has left a daughter Called Omduton Nissa Begum her mother received 56/4 in her own name 18/ in the name of Beebee Muckooah and 3/12 in that of her servant Meer Joawaun (who is also Dead) making a total of 78 out of which she paid 15 to Meer Ahmed Ali the son of Beebee Muckooah and 15 to her own Nephew Khadur Alli son of Meer Kulloo. She has left no Dependants or relations with the exception of these three Persons, and had property independant of her Stipend, I therefore propose giving 15/ to Meer Ahmud Ali, 15 to Meer Khadir Ali, & 30 to Oomdutoon Nissa Begum being the same as the Sahibzadies of the Family have hitherto received leaving a Balance of 18.

(*From the same*)

It is with unfeigned grief I communicate the Death of my Nephew Meer Asgar Alli who received a pension of 45/3 P. Mensem and a salary as Relation of 25/ which is included in the sixty Rupees paid to Sherfun Nissa Begum making a total 70/3As.—He left neither Children or Dependants of any description.

(*From the same*)

I beg to report the Death of Meer Fuzzul Ali son-in-law of my late Father Nawaub Rohmut oo Dowlah, my sister & her Children are long since dead, he received a Stipend of 28 as a Relation & 48/7 as a son-in-law, making a total of 76/7 he has left a son and two Daughters by a Hurrum as a Provision for whom I propose settling 40/ leaving a balance of 36/7.

[729]

H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge your Dispatch to Mr. Ricketts dated 10 February 1821 desiring to be furnished with more particular information relative to the Circumstance of the family of the late Shahamut Jung.

2d. To render this subject clear in all its bearings as well as to explain the Causes of the Distresses and misfortunes of the Widow and her Children I venture to offer you a short account of the family.

3d. Lootfoon Nissa Khanum, had four Children by Moobaizoo Dowlah, these were, the present Nawaub Meer Mendhee, Nawaub Abool Hossein ; Oofzuloonissa Begum, and Rehumoonnissa Begum ; Sahamut Jung married the Eldest of these Daughters, and upon her Death without Children to avoid refunding the Dowry of his Wife according to the Nizamut Custom, he married Ruhumoonnissa Begum, the second Daughter, & by her had two Children.

4th. Sahamut Jung during his Life purchased much Land and according to a Practice common with natives of Rank had the title Deeds made out in the names of his illegitimate offspring & other persons.

5th. Upon his Death these persons seized the Landed Property as their own, Reheemoonnissa Begum, by the advice of her Mother, & Brother, endeavoured to reclaim the Property in a Court of Law (as the British Government declined all interference). In the struggle for the Lands, the whole of the money that had been left her by Her Husband was expended & she was in very great Distress when Mr. Monckton recommended an addition to her Stipend of 250 Rupees P. Mensem, since that time her Children have arrived at the age of maturity the son being about 20 years of age, the Daughter about 18, neither of these persons from the Poverty of the Family have been married.

6th. Reheemoonnissa Begum is a very respectable Lady, and from her having lost her property, is an object of Dislike in the Families of her mother and brother (by following the advice of whom she lost it) and it is with regret, I have to add that the treatment she has received from these, her nearest Relations has often Compelled her to fly to the Nazim for shelter & Protection, it is a trait in His Highness's Character that he always admitted and protected her ; he recommended

the late addition to her allowances ; & I really believe it would give His Highness sincere gratification if His Lordship in Council would sanction the present one proposed for her in Mr. Rickett's letter dated the 6 of December 1820.

7th. The arrangement solicited is that the son should be given the 500 Rs. at present the Stipend of the widow, & that Reheemoonnissa Begum and her Daughter receive the proposed Increase of 250 P. Mensem.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 25th June 1821.

F. W. Russell, *O. A. G. G.*

[730]

H. T. Prinsep Esqr., &ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—Upon the Receipt of your letter dated the 16th Instant I addressed a Note to His Highness the Nawaub Nazim stating my wish to see him upon particular business.

2nd. His Highness appointed the 21 instant for me to visit him accordingly on that day accompanied by Mr. Smith the Civil Surgeon I attended the Nawaub at the Palace of Furah Baug.

3rd. I found His Highness unable to move from his Bed and scarcely able to speak from this cough, after expressing my sorrow at his indisposition I informed him in mild form but Respectful language the surprise of the Most Noble the Governor General in Council that His Highness should have encouraged Rajah Oodwunt Sing to expect a Title upon his Investiture, as Dewan and added that any title may be conferred or assumed without the Express sanction of the Governor General in Council would not be recognized by any officer of the British Government, I also informed His Highness that if he had any repugnance to invest Rajah Oodwunt Sing that it was not the intention of the British Government to urge the measure but that it became necessary that he should name some respectable Person to conduct the affairs of the Nizamut more particularly as H. H. was himself unable to attend to them himself.

4th. His Highness's replies were querulous and irritable but he stated that he had not the least objection to the Rajah, indeed that he had named him after due Consideration ; that he should that Day have invested him, but that it was the 21st of Rumzan (which prevented all public Rejoicings) & that he should certainly invest the Rajah upon the 24th.

5th. I also distinctly informed the Rajah he was not to expect any title and stated that if after this information his desire to become Dewan was abated that I was not authorized to press the Completion of the present arrangement but to adopt some other.

6th. The Rajah told me he was most anxious to be made Dewan, that if he had been wrong in stating what had been Customary he had been led to the notion by what he had learnt from H. H. and that he hoped by attention to the Interests of the Nizamut to merit the approbation of the Most Noble the Governor General in Council.

7th. On the 24th in the Evening I learned that H. H. had invested Rajah Oudwunt Sing with a Khillut as Dewan and shortly after I received a Letter informing me officially of the Circumstance and requesting me to forward the enclosed letter to His Excellency the Governor General.

8th. Yesterday Rajah Oudwunt Sing called upon me and delivered to me a letter and a Nuzur of 5 Gold Mohurs for His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General and a letter for yourself, the letters I have the honor to forward herein, the Nuzur I returned to the Rajah.

9th. Late last night I received a message from H. H. stating he wished to see me in the morning as early as possible—I attended H. H. a little past six he told me how extremely ill he fell and that he was certain he was on the verge of the Grave that nothing but change of Air could be of any benefit to him as all the Native Doctors had deserted him.

10th. I replied that H. E. had heard with great regret the state of H. H.'s health, and had directed me to inform him that any Extra Expences incurred by such an Excurtion might be charged to the fund appropriated by the Committee for such contingent Expences and I asked when H. H. proposed to move westward "No No," said H. H. I want to go to Calcutta, to sea, if not to Sea, as far as the salt water. In as delicate terms as I could I expressed my Opinion that the trip he proposed would be exceedingly inconvenient, and attended with much trouble to H. H. I also brought forward many arguments against the proposed Excursion towards Calcutta, and (illegible) all Expectations that such a measure would either be of advantage to H. H.'s health or his Dignity because the Most Noble the Governor General in Council would be prevented from his H. H. extreme indisposition from paying that attention for which H. H.'s rank might seem to call and the Consequence would be that he would sink in the Estimation of the Natives.

11th. I opposed and discountenanced the proposed trip to Calcutta to the utmost in my power and I hope my doing so is congenial with the wishes of the Government.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 27th June 1821.

F. W. Russell, *O. A. G. G.*

[731]

H. T. Prinsep Esqr., &ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose five Letters from H. H. the Nawaub Nazim.

One to the address of His Excellency the Governor General.
One to the Hon'ble John Adam.
One to the Hon'ble John Fendall.
One to Mr. Geo. Swinton &
One to yourself.

The subject I understand relates to the state of His Highness's health and his desire to Visit Calcutta.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 29th June 1821.

F. W. Russell, *O. A. G. G.*

[732]

H. T. Prinsep Esqr., &ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose Copies of my Correspondence with the Magistrate of Bhaugulpore in conformity with the instructions contained in your Letter of the 9th Ultimo.

2nd. It appears by Mr. Parry's letter that Nawaub Meer Abool Hossein is not involved to the Extent of Rs. 300 Consequently cannot have been subjected to any inconvenience or distress and I regret to add, that the information I continue to receive Holds out little prospect of any amendments in the Nawaub's General conduct.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 10th July 1821.

F. W. Russell, *O. A. G. G.*

[733]

H. T. Prinsep Esqr., &ca. &ca. &ca., Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose copies of my correspondence with the Magistrate of Bhaugulpore in Conformity with the instructions contained in your letter of the 9th Ultimo.

2nd. It appears by Mr. Parry's second letter that Nawaub Meer Abool Hossein is not involved to the extent of 650 Rupees consequently he cannot have been subjected to any distress as stated by him in his Complaint to you.

3rd. It is with great regret I have to state that I have been unable to induce the Nawaub Abool Hossein, either to write or Send any Person to me, I understand he laughs at all my attempts to conciliate or Control him, he is not under any pecuniary embarrassments as he is supplied with funds by his Mother and Brother Nawaub Meer Mehndee.

4th. His Conduct holds out no hopes of reformation, and as I see no mode by which, his Violence and turbulance can be controlled but the one, that was adopted towards the late Nawaub Nusser ood Deen Hyder, I would beg leave to solicit the sanction of the Government that a Moohafiz may be appointed in Concurrence with His Highness the Nazim who may regulate both his conduct and expenditure.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 16th July 1821.

F. W. Russell, *O. A. G. G.*

[734]

H. T. Prinsep Esqr., &ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to inform you that there is at present no House allowed for an office for the Agent of the Governor General at Moorshedabad.

2nd. Upon my first arrival at this place His Highness the Nawaub Nazim offered me the use of a small Building (formerly the office of the Court of Appeal) and the Government were so good as to sanction my accepting the offer as a temporary arrangement.

3rd. I have since found it expedient for reasons with which, it is not necessary to trouble the Government to leave the Residence lent me by the Nawaub Nazim.

4th. The only House that I am able to procure (in which I can Conduct the duties of my Situation) is the Nashaut Baugh.

I request therefore you will do me the honor to solicit the Most Noble the Governor General in Council to sanction the charge of 250/- Rs. P. mensem for the rent being Charged to the Public account during the period I may find it necessary to occupy it as the Office of the Agent of the Governor General.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 16th July 1823 [1821?].

F. W. Russell, *O. A. G. G.*

[735]

H. T. Prinsep Esqr., &ca. &ca. &ca., Fort William.

Sir,—The following painful Circumstance having come to my notice and having received many solicitations from various Branches of the Family of the Nizamut I am induced to address you for the purpose of bringing the affair before H. Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council and of receiving His Lordship's commands upon the Subject.

Owing to the immoderate use of Intoxicating drugs and Liquors by H. Highness the Nawaub Nazim, his mind has at length become at times insensible to the Arrangements passing in his presence, the Persons by whom he is surrounded taking advantage of this circumstance, have induced H. Highness to send for the Most Valuable Jewelry belonging to the Nizamut such as the Jewelic Turband of state and sword of state, the Plate of His Ancestors Meer Jaffeer, the Gold and enjeweled Bed of His Grand-father ; and I fear there is but too much reason to believe, that the stones and Bullion have been given away to Minions about H. Highness for gratifying Passions of the Lowest and most Degrading Nature.

Nawaub Syud Ahmed Ali H. Highness's Brother has requested me in the most humble language to bring the destructions of this Property to the notice of the British Government, as he himself and the Members of the Nizamut Family conceive the Destruction of the old Family and state Property as derogating to the Dignity of their state.

If I might venture to intrude upon His Lordship in Council an opinion formed by being on the spot, and

capable of Knowing by witnessing what is passing, and seeing the Feelings of the various members of the Family of what would be received with gratitude as tending to obviate the Degradation the Relations of H. Highness conceive themselves to labour under, from the acts he is performing under the influence of an unsound mind, I would state, that a Committee of the highest Personages in the Nizamut namely the Heir Presumptive, the Dewan, and the Agent to the Governor General, might be appointed to receive and secure such property as belongs to the Nazim in his high Capacity of Soubadar of Bengal, Behar, Orissa independent of his Private Valuables to be held under their Seal until it may please providence to restore H. Highness to a sound state of mind, or in case (what is more to be feared will happen) Should occur the Death of H. Highness that the property be delivered up to whomsoever the British Government in their Justice and wisdom may deem the most proper and fit person to succeed to the Musnud.

Many Lacks of Rupees of Valuable Property I fear are already lost, I feel therefore I would not be doing my Duty both to the state I have the honor to serve, or to that to which it has pleased the M. Noble the Governor Genl. to depute me, if I did not solicit instructions how to act in the present Most delicate posture of Affairs.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 17th July 1821.

F. W. Russell,
O. A. G. G.

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca., Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to inform you I receive so many Complaints from the Deuries of the late Walida Begum that the Stipends of the various Ladies composing it are stopped, and large deductions made from the Salaries even of those that are paid, that I must beg leave to solicit as the only mode of protecting the Ladies of the Deuries from indignity and plunder that I may be permitted to direct the Collector to pay the Stipends of the Ladies in these Deuries direct to their Receipts thro' Rajufzool Khan the Chief Eunuch and Prime Minister of the late Walida Begum upon the receipts being Countersigned by the Agent in the mode, the stipends are paid to the Rajmahal Family and other Persons who have been similarly treated.

I regret to add that the orders for these deductions originate in His Highness the Nawaub Nazim altho' the internal control of the Deuries is neither under His Highness or his Dewan, and it is with extreme sorrow I have to add that since the Dewan has been appointed His Highness has taken advantage of his name to commit much indignity towards those whom it ought to have been his first duty to have protected.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 20th July 1821.

F. W. Russell,
O. A. G. G.

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca., Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters one dated the 7th the other the 14 Instant on the same day, also your letter of the 30 Ultimo.

2nd. In Consequence of the orders Contained in the first part of the 6th paragraph of your letter dated the 30th Ultimo I endeavoured to discover the motives which induced His Highness the Nawaub Nazim to wish to proceed to Calcutta and if the desire arose merely from sudden Humour or Caprice. The following is what I have learnt to be the fact.

3rd. In a Moment of Caprice it occurred to His Highness that as European Gentlemen sought benefit from change of air at Sea, he possibly might reap advantage from adopting a similar plan, he no sooner formed this Idea than he turned over in his mind whether he should go, his first notion was to proceed to England & Visit His Majesty this he soon abandoned and he then settled to go to the Cape of Good Hope. This he also gave up, upon asking me what sort of a place it was, it Occurred to him next to make a Voyage to Mecca, the question was then how this was to be effected. It was decided in the Council His Highness holds with Persons of the lowest orders namely Shewnauth who was formerly confined for Felony and (according to Mr. Monckton's report) was deeply implicated in the plunder of the property of the late Nawaub Syud Hossein, Furratulla Khan a person equally notorious and well known to the Governor having been dismissed from the Nizamut for Malpractices, and of two Eunuchs whose duties about His Highness's person I cannot explain that under the plea of severe Indisposition His Highness should desire to visit Calcutta for the purpose of consulting the physicians of that place, that previous to his departure he should convert every particle of Jewellery Bullions Gold and silver Ornaments into Cash by means of those Persons that he should then proceed to Calcutta.

4th. Here I have to notice a new Intrigue commenced the advisers thought as Nawaub Syud Ahmed Ali was H. Highness's own Brother, that he might possibly succeed to the Musnud in case of the sudden death of His Highness, and might as he was the personal Enemy of these persons cause strict enquiry to be made after the Property that belonged to the Nizamut, it then occurred to them, that they must agitate and increase the dislike His Highness entertained towards his Brother, and that when His Highness was in Calcutta he should take some sudden opportunity of throwing himself at the feet of the Most Noble the Governor General and soliciting as the last favor to a dying man that His Excellency would permit His Highness to proceed to sea and Nominate his Uncle Meer Munglee to Officiate as Naib Nazim during his absence and in case of his Death, that the uncle should succeed to the Musnud to the exclusion of his Brother and that H. Highness was not to rise from the Ground until he gained either that point or at least permission to proceed to Mecca, to which place it was proposed he should take all the Treasure & Valuables he possessed for the purpose of purchasing his Peace with the prophet for all his actions during his lifetime by delivering to the

Priests at Mecca, all the Property, Jewels & Money then remaining ; these accomplices expected His Highness would die at sea & they intended to divide among themselves all the Valuables that might be, in the possession of the Nazim at the time of his demise.

5th. This I became clearly acquainted with, thro' one of the Eunuchs who did not altogether like the Business but had gone too far to retreat without danger of his being poisoned.

6th. It became my duty then to procure the opinion of Mr. Smith and Mr. Russell in obedience to the latter part of the 8th Paragraph of your letter dated the 30th Ultimo relative to His Highness's State of health, these opinions I have the honor to enclose.

7th. Circumstances prevented my visiting His Highness until Yesterday the 22d when accompanied by Mr. Smith I proposed delivering to His Highness the letter from the Most Noble the Governor General relative to the appointment of Rajah Oodwunt Singh as Dewan.

8th. In the interval between the receipt of your dispatch dated the 7th Instt. and the letter I had the honor to address to you on the 17th I was made acquainted with the Circumstances detailed in my letter of that date, but not so fully as I could have wished, and as I have since been enabled to be.

9th. From reasons which I shall hereafter lay before you I considered the propriety of withholding the knowledge of the permission given to His Highness to visit to Calcutta at least I thought it would be prudent not to tell the Nawaub that I had received a Reply to His Highness's letter until he should again of his own accord agitate the question.

10th. My reasons for delaying the delivery of the Most Noble the Govr. Generals letter were as follows—first I have learnt that as yet His Highness had not made good his pledge of paying the Excess in the Expenditure of the Year 1225 Amounting to Sa. Rs. 42,933-3-5 next that the Excess of expenditure in the Year 1226 amounted to upwards of 53,000—beyond all assets that there is a similar large Excess in 1227 amounting to near a Lac of Rupees.

11th. That altho' H. Highness had received from the Collector's Treasury the Amount of all the Stipends of the Family Most of the Pensioners were several months in arrears & that the Money had been carried to His Highness private account.

12th. That H. Highness's Favorites had embezzled the Property of the late Nawaub Nussur oodeen Hyder Consequently his Wife, Family, Monkooahs, Servants, Dependants and Creditors would come upon his allowance for support and payment, instead of its being defrayed from the late Nawaub's Estate.

13th. That H. Highness under the pretence of taking Charge for a short time of some Jewels to a large Amount & some Valuable Gold & Silver ornaments of a Monkooah of his Father had appropriated them to his own use confined the Lady and stopped her Stipend.

14th. When I perceived so much of the plan to which I have alluded in the 4th Paragraph of this letter carried into effect ; when I saw that all the state Jewels & Valuables, together with every Article of Rich Property belonging to all the females of his Family, Seized & broken up and placed in Boats together with all his private Effects, I began to Consider if His Highness proceeded to Calcutta, and carried this Wealth with him, and that he either succeeded in his plan of visiting Mecca, or of what I considered more probable that he died ; from what Fund was the deficiency due to the Hon'ble Company to be paid, from whence were the arrears of Stipends to be drawn, from whom was the restoration of the Property of the late Nusseeroodeen Hyder to be received, or in what Manner would be restored the Jewels plundered from Futteabaddee and the other Ladies of the Mehalserai.

15th. I believed most firmly that the effects of Intoxicating Drugs, or that weakness from long sickness was rapidly undermining H. Highness Mental powers & altho' there was no immediate danger of his death still that he was in such a state and surrounded by such Persons that if H. Highness left Moorshedabad that the whole of his large Wealth consisting of Bullion, money & Jewelry would be lost, that his successor whomsoever he might be even though he devoted the whole of the Khullum Daun Khanna or Privy purse together with all that is set apart for Extra Expenditure for the just payment of these Debts still it would be many years before it could be effected and I own I did consider, that H. Highness neither possessed the Right nor just power to dispose of the Property of the State and leave the Nizamut burthened from the effect of his hatred to his successor whomsoever he might be.

16th. Such were my reasons for Venturing to take upon Myself the heavy responsibility of incurring His Lordship in Councils displeasure by withholding the letter, especially as I was Convinced that all my Agreements would not induce H. Highness to come to any settlement, either in regard to the sums due to the Government, or to the various Stipendiaries but that His Highness would hurry to carry the rest of his plan into effect, let the Consequences be what they might.

17th. I trust therefore, that if these conclusions should be deemed not sufficiently strong to justify the Approbation of my conduct, at least they will secure me from reprehension.

18th. As in two letters I have had the honor to receive you have noticed my not having offered an opinion I shall venture most humbly and submissively to state what in the present state of the Nizamut might possibly be of service to its interests. I would solicit that His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General would graciously be pleased to address a letter to His Highness regretting his Severe indisposition, recalling to His recollection the Pledge he gave the British Government to refund the money he had expended, that he would settle all arrears of Pensions due to the various Stipendiaries, exert his influence towards the restoration of the property of the late Nussuroodeen Hyder, that is either in His Highness's possession or that of the Nawaub's own personal servants to restore to Fatteabuddee her Jewels and her liberty to withdraw his Countinance from the various Persons who have advised the Destruction of his Family Property, and then if H. Highness should feel disposed to try the Change of Air by visiting Calcutta, that he should appoint the three Most respectable and responsible Persons in the Nizamut namely the Heir presumptive (His Brother) the Agent of the Most Noble the

Governor General and the Dewan Rajah Oodwunt Sing to receive Charge of the State Jewels, until his return.

19th. H. Highness's visit to be subject only to such Inconveniences as are noticed in H. Excellency's letter dated the 7th Inst. If this letter was presented on the same Occasion with the one now in my possession at a time when H. Highness's mind might be composed & Capable of comprehending the contents, I am induced to believe, that benefit might possibly be derived from it ; it is the only Plan that occurs to me except the extreme one of Placing the Charge of H. Highness's Person during the period his mind may remain in its present state under the Charge of his nearest Relations surprised [*sic*] by the Agent to see that H. Highness's personal Comfort and Dignity were attended to.

20th. Previous to my Visit I considered that it would be prudent, should H. Highness be in such a State as to be enabled to talk upon Business to introduce the Subject of the accounts and draw his attention to the arrears of the Stipends that were due to the stipendiaries.

21st. I found H. Highness on his Bed (the state of his Health is described in Mr. Smith's Report) I delivered the letter from H. Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General on the Subject of the appointment of Rajah Oodwunt Sing to be Dewan, and I informed H. Highness I proposed to present to the Rajah the Khellaut which His Lordship had graciously been pleased to direct should be delivered to him and I should give it in the presence of all the Civil and Military Gentlemen at Berhampore and of the Native Noblemen of the City of Moorshedabad.

22. I then attended to the accounts & found that what I had been previously informed was true ; no Balance had been paid and Expenditure for the Years 1226 & 1227 was largely beyond all the Assets to meet it ; H. Highness then spoke about some jewels that had as he said been stolen from the body of Her H. the Walida Begum after her Death.

23. The affair is as follows, when the Body of the Begum was to be washed previous to Interment, there were some very valuable Jewels upon it H. Highness by means of the Wife of Shumsher Jung (the Daughter of the Walida Begum) Managed to have these Jewels secreted and to prevent Discovering directed that the sum of 500 Rs. should be paid to the Women who washed the Body to ensure their silence ; this circumstance having come to my knowledge and as I understand the Value of the jewels was considerable I took an occasion of having intimated to the Nawab what I had heard ; that I could hardly believe it and hoped it was not true.

24th. H. Highness on mentioning this circumstance gave quite a difft. colour to it to what was the truth, he said that Rojoofzul Khan & the Chief Eunuch of the Waleda Begum's Deurie had purloined the Jewels, and that he procured them to prevent their being lost, and that he had given 500 Rupees to the Women who had given information.

25th. During this part of the conversation His Highness's mind wandered repeatedly, he seemed to forget what he had said, or what indeed he was to say, repeatedly broke off and after all left out so much of what he intended to say that since my Return I have received a letter said to be from the Nazim mentioning the Circumstance more fully.

26. When it was first hinted to H. Highness sometime ago he denied all knowledge of the Jewels, declared he had never seen them and it was only in consequence of his learning that I had received the most clear and decisive evidence that he deemed it prudent at least, to acknowledge that he had them in his possession.

27. Finding H. Highness's mind becoming weaker and weaker every moment it was needless to talk further upon public Business and Mr. Smith then took the opportunity to listen to H. Highness's personal attendants on the nature of H. Highness's Complaint, and the present State of H. H.'s health, in this Conversation H. H. often joined tho' he was not capable either to lead or Keep it up, when Mr. Smith had finished his enquiries I took my leave.

28th. I beg leave to solicit Instructions under the Circumstances I have stated in this letter whether the Property of the Nizamut is to be permitted to be sent to Calcutta until the various Demands upon it have been defraved.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
tht 23rd July 1821.

F. W. Russell,
O. A. G. G.

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I request you will do me the honor to bring the following Circumstance to the notice of H. Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council.

Upon my receiving Mr. Secy. Swinton's letter dated the 17th of February 1821 desiring me to proceed to Moorshedabad with the least practicable delay in order to obey the orders of the Government I hastened to quit Gwalior, and travelled with the utmost Expedition to the Station I was ordered to join from thence I sent my Bill for travelling Expences to the Civil Auditor for audit, after a Lapse of near four Months it has been returned to me, with an Audit for Charges at the rate of one Rupee one anna P. Mile, instead of 2 Rs. 2 As. P. mile as granted to every Resident, Agent or Collector.

I have actively served the Government nearly fourteen Years, and as I am employed as an Agent to the Governor General, I humbly beg leave to solicit that His Excellency in Council will be pleased to issue their pleasure on the subject, which I trust will be to order my Expences to be paid to me at the rate of 2 Rs. 2 As. P. mile.

I beg leave to state I should not have ventured to have intruded upon the time of the Government had the accompanying Bill for my salary for the month of May last been returned audited for my salary and deputation at the rate for both of one hundred and fifty Rupees per Mensem, instead of Fifteen hundred, and the Collector at this station informs he cannot pay more than one hundred and fifty Rupees in exchange for the salary Bill for the Month of May last—and I can assure the Government that in consequence of the two (possibly)

oversights of the Civil Auditor I am put to serious personal inconvenience and I am induced to hope from the liberality of the Members of the Government that they will be pleased to issue such orders as may appear most proper and expedient.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 26th July 1821.

F. W. Russell, *O. A. G. Genl.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr., &ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to inform you that Nawaub Mustapha Khan, the head of that branch of Nawaub Nazims Family, which is from the Eldest son of Nawaub Jaffier Ali Khan commonly called Nawaub Meeran has made a representation to me Stating there are two Daughters of 20 Years of Age he feels much shame that the necessary Ceremony of Marriage has not been performed and has humbly solicited me to bring the subject to the notice of the Most Noble the Governor General. He added that by the liberality of the British Govt. he had been liberated from Debt but that he possessed no funds from whence the necessary sums must be drawn for the Expence of the Marriages ; and as they are two, the smallest sum that to which the ceremonies will amount will be 25,000 Rupees or 12,500 for each.

2d. He has requested me to state that as he had once tasted the liberality of the British Government he was induced again to solicit its aid to be afforded the sum required for this (to the honor of the Family) most important affair and that the Money shall be refunded by a deduction being made in his stipend of 500 Rupees P. Mensem.

3d. I am not aware of any objection to this plan beyond what must arise from the advance of so large a sum, Nawaub Mustapha Khan could not raise the money here but at great loss, and as it is for a purpose in which the honor of the Family is so much concerned I am induced to hope that the wishes of the Nawaub may be complied with, and that the Collector be directed to pay to the Nawaubs Draft the sum required, and Monthly to deduct 500 Rs. from his Stipend for the purpose of repayment.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 30th July 1821.

F. W. Russell, *O. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr., &ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward two letters from His Highness one to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General and the other to yourself.

I have been in such constant attendance both night and day in the City to be on the spot in case of His Highness's illness ending fatally, that it quite escaped me to forward them before they relate to the Doolhin Begum. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 1 August 1821.

F. W. Russell, *O. A. G. General.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr., &ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to inform you that I presented to Rajah Oodwunt Sing on the 2d Instant the Khellaut of congratulation from the Most Noble the Governor General in Council as directed to be delivered to him.

In consequence of the dangerous state of H. Highness's health I considered it would not be delicate to invite and entertain the English Gentlemen, I therefore held a Public Durbar of all the Noblemen and native Gentlemen from the City only and in their presence invested the Rajah in the Most formal manner with his Dress of Honor.

When he had received it he presented me the usual Nuzur for the Most Noble the Governor General.

I retained it as long as was proper to shew it was accepted and then returned it with a Civil Compliment.

I have the honor to Enclose 2 Letters from Rajah Oodwunt Sing, one for His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General and the other for Yourself.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 4th August 1821.

F. W. Russell, *O. A. G. Genl.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr., &ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have had the honor to receive your Letter dated the 28th Ultimo.

2d. I have nothing to urge in reference to the second Paragraph but His Highness sent me a letter stating that he had Five Lacs and half of Rupees in a Bankers house in the City placed there upon Interest which he wished me to endeavour to procure for him, the letter was accompanied by a private Message saying if I should either assist him in securing the Musnud for his uncle or even remain neither in the business by not relating it to Government, the money was for my private use.

3d. I did not Consider the latter part of the Communication Worthy a Moments attention, since to suppose I could assist His Highness in his wishes was folly, and to conceal the intrigue was Contrary to my sense of duty this perhaps caused me to give greater weight to the circumstance than was necessary.

4. In reference to the 3d Paragraph of your letter, I beg leave distinctly to state, I never for one moment supposed the Government, ever would attend to any indirect Agency in altering the succession in the Nazim's Family, but I always understood the right of the succession to the Musnud of Bengal depended upon the decision of the Governor General, this was the opinion of the Vice President in Council in 1805 of the Vice President in Council in 1810 and of the Governor General in the same Year. An intrigue similar to the one I have mentioned was formed by the Munee Begum to place Meer Munglee on the Musnud at the accession of the present Nawaub, but the Government there saw no reason for altering the succession, it was not for me to judge whom the British Government might deem the fittest

person to be the Nazim my duty Called upon me merely to report the Circumstance, that when the Nawaub went to Calcutta the Governor General might not be surprized either at the request His Highness sought or at the mode in which it was made.

5th. Whether it is owing to Rajah Oodwunt Sing feeling giddy at his being made Dewan or whether it is owing to any other reason I am unable to say, but since his appointment to that situation instead of assisting to unravel the Malversations in the Nizamut accounts ; he has done all he could by threats to deter persons from Complaining of them and by Chicanery to Conceal the many defalcations that exists in the Nizamut and his advice to H. Highness has been not to give any list, nor to take any receipt of the Jewels or property from the Tovildar but to do with them as he thinks best.

6th. In reply to the 7th Paragraph of your letter I have to state Rajah Oodwunt Sing called upon me this Morning when he formally and distinctly informed me His Highness refused to comply with His Lordship's expectations and His Highness's intention of proceeding tomorrow to Calcutta, and the Rajah attempted to argue on what ground of right, such Papers could be demanded as he was perfectly inaccessible to reason, I merely replied that I had written him a formal Letter stating the expectations of His Lordship in Council and that he might accede to them or not as he chose, but the responsibility must rest upon him, that I had made known to him the pleasure of His Lordship in Council, and he as Dewan was answerable for any loss or destruction that might arise by disobedience to those wishes. I have the honor to enclose Copies and translation of two letters I have received in my public capacity from Newaub Syud Ahmed Ali the heir presumptive to the Musnud as a reply to the 8th Paragraph.

7th. In obedience to the Contents of the 9th paragraph, I caused His Lordship's letter to be presented to His Highness I did not deliver, it myself because I thought as I had withheld the first letter, His Highness might possibly feel in some degree displeased with me and a Visit might rather tend to irritate than sooth him, I therefore sent for Rajah Oodwunt Singh the Dewan I had read to him the Persian Copy of His Lordship's letter, I pointed out to him that the requests Contained in it were made only with the View to His Highness's Comfort and Convenience and for the safety of the Nizamut Property and I directed him to deliver the letter.

8th. In Consequence of the Caution Contained in the latter part of the 9th Paragraph of your letter feeling Convinced His Highness is not in a state to attend either to reason or argument however kindly addressed I shall not press the subject the Dewan is most fully acquainted with His Lordship's wishes, he I conceive is answerable for their accomplishment.

9. I have directed the Dewan (a Copy and translation of my letter I have the honor to enclose) to act according to the tenor of the 10th Paragraph of your letter, and I have also written notes (Copies and translation are enclosed) to such persons as I understood have for sometime had charge of the Nizamut Property.

10th. Since the receipt of the letter of His Lordship in Council no alteration has taken place relative to the security of the property—the Dewan has informed me the state Turband is certainly much defaced ; the Purtalah of state (the Belt by which the sword of state is strung from the shoulders) is utterly destroyed & none of the Jewels can be found ; I am endeavouring to procure (and I hope I shall succeed in getting) a list of some of the Jewels but I fear many to the Value of Several lacks are lost for ever. His Highness remained in the same state Yesterday as the day before, at times sensible at others perfectly insensible to what was passing.

11th. I am at a loss to account for Oodwunt Sing's conduct as it is Contrary both to His Interest and his character, it is hinted in the Nizamut by some of the officers, he is afraid that if the Paper expected to be taken by His Highness, should be demanded, Nawaub Syed Ahmed Ali will be enabled to recover from the Dewan certain Jewels said to be in his possession, but I believe it to be more probable that he is intoxicated at his appointment, tho' it is difficult to account why he should have advised His Highness to place a Guard over his Brother thus insulting the Heir presumptive whom it is his interest to conciliate.

12th. I request if it should be necessary for me to return by Dawk to Moorshedabad that the Most Noble the Governor General in Council will be pleased to cause orders to be issued to the Post Master to hold a Dawk to be in readiness, as the expence of Keeping one on the Road will be larger than the established rate of travelling allowances will cover. It is not from any desire of advantage I make this request, but to secure myself from personal loss.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 4th August 1821.

F. W. Russell, *A. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—Rajah Oodwunt Singh has just sent to inform me that His Highness the Nawaub Nazim's illness has taken a dangerous turn he has requested me in Consequence to move into the City to be near at hand in Case of His Highness sudden dissolution.

2nd. The Cause of this sudden change may be traced to the large increase of opium His Highness has taken in the last few days and to his having directed that he might be carried into a damp Garden immediately after a heavy fall of rain.

3rd. His Highness has I understand for the last two days been perfectly insensible to what was passing around him.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 5th August 1821.

F. W. Russell, *A. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose copies and translation of two letters from Rajah Oodwunt Sing one

received about three and the other express at 10 O'Clock this morning by which you will understand the present state of His Highness's health both the letters are in the Rajah's handwriting.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 6 August 1821.

F. W. Russell, *A. A. G. G.*

Enclosure No. 1.
H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca.

From Rajah Oodwunt Sing
received at 3'O Clock A.M.
6th August 1821.

After Compliments.

His Highness about 2 O'Clock was very seriously attacked for which I can administer no relief whatever Occurs I shall acquaint you immediately.

Enclosure No. 2.
From Rajah Oodwunt Sing
received at 10 A.M.
6th August 1821.

After Compliments.

His Highness is very dangerously ill, the earlier you can reach this the better.

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—It is with sentiment of deep sorrow I have to Convey to you for the information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council the melancholy intelligence of the death of His Highness Shoojah Ool Moolk Moobaricood Dowlah Ali Jea, Syed Zein Ali Ood Deen Ali Khan Bahadoor Feroze Jung.

2nd. His Highness died at ½ past 7 O'Clock P.M. His Highness had just Completed His 29-year.

3rd. It will be some Consolation to His Excellency to hear that previous to His Highness's Death I effected a reconciliation between himself and His Highness's Brother.

4. I propose to attend His Highness's Funeral myself and I shall request Colonel Edwards to direct the usual Military ceremonial may accompany His Highness to the Grave.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 6th August 1821.

F. W. Russell, *A. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—My letter of last evening will have Conveyed to you the melancholy intelligence of the death of His Highness the Nawaub Nazim.

2nd. I this morning attended H. H. to the grave Colonel Edwards did me the honor to place at my disposal four Companies of Natives, and two Companies of European Troops with two Guns for the purpose of accompanying His Highness's Corpse.

3rd. His E. the Most Noble the Governor General will hear with satisfaction that the Troops under the Command of Major Beck Conducted themselves in a Most exemplary Manner and their Conduct is the Theme of universal approbation Among the Noblemen and native Gentlemen of the City. No successor has been acknowledged but as some temporary head of the family is necessary in transacting business I have under the impression Conveyed in the 5th Paragraph of your letter of the 18th Ultimo that the succession would be Continued in the usual line Conducted all the Ceremonial in Concurrence with Nawaub Syed Ahmud Ali His late Highness's own brother but I have distinctly informed the Nawaub that the right of acknowledgement of the succession to the Musnud rests entirely with the M. N. the G. G. and until his orders are received no person will be Considered as Nawaub Nazim.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 7 August 1821.

F. W. Russell, *A. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—When I had the honor of reporting to you Yesterday the manner in which the Ceremonial of His late Highness's Funeral was Conducted and the excellent behaviour of the Troops under Major Beck, I omitted to mention that Nawaub Syed Ahmed Ali Khan informed me it had been customary at the Funerals of his Father and Grand-father to present the Troops with a Sum of Money, and the Officers with a pair of Shawls each.

2nd. I hope His Lordship will be graciously pleased to sanction their being accepted, as it is Considered by the Family as a Mark of respect to the departed Prince. I therefore request you will do me the favour to obtain for me His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General's pleasure on this point.

3rd. In Consequence of having been up the whole night manifesting that respect towards his late Highness as I considered to be my duty. In the Morning walking at a slow pace two miles and subsequently standing nearly one hour without my Hat in a burning Sun while the usual Ceremonial were performed at His Highness's grave, on my return home I was attacked with serious indisposition from the effects of which I am still suffering.

4th. I am making arrangements for Conducting the business of the Nizamut during the interval that may occur previous to the proclamation of a successor to the Musnud and hope should there be any omission in my correspondence His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General will be pleased to Excuse it in Consequence of the ill state of my health.

5th. The Conduct of Nawaub Syed Ahmed Ali Khan is highly Creditable to himself and I experienced every Assistance from him in sealing the property—While the Dewan Rajah Oodwunt Sing seemed more inclined to

throw obstacles in my Way than to facilitate the progress of this important duty in Conducting which I was guided by the measure adopted by Mr. Rocke on the Death of his late Highness's Father.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 8 August 1821.

F. W. Russell, *A. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr., &ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose three Letters said to be from His Highness the late Nawaub Nazim two for His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General and one for yourself.

2nd. I received them only a few hours before His Highness breathed his last, and so anxious was Rajah Oodwunt Sing that they should be delivered before His Highness died that official Copies were forgotten, to be sent with them it was not until late last night that I received the requisite Copies Customary to be forwarded on such occasion.

3rd. I beg leave to state both from any own observation and from other Evidence that I have every reason to believe His Highness knew nothing of the Contents of these letters.

4th. I have also been given to understand that these are not the only Papers signed by His Highness and sealed by the Dewan after His Highness's faculties fled. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 11th August 1821.

F. W. Russell, *A. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr., &ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a letter from His Highness Nawaub Syud Ahmed Ali Khan Bahadoor for His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 13th August 1821.

F. W. Russell, *A. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr., &ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a Copy and Translation of a letter from His Highness Nawaub Syud Ahmed Ali in which he states the day upon which he wishes to be proclaimed and the titles which it will be gratifying him to receive.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 15th August 1821.

F. W. Russell, *A. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr., &ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—When His Highness the Nawaub Nazim Syed Ahmed Ali Khan Called for the Jewelry of the Nizamut upon his taking possession nothing could be found but the broken Remnants of the Turband, the Purtallah and sword of state, two former articles were entirely destroyed, so much so that His Highness sent for me to go to him, and see them I of course attended him, and the state of this Jewelry Cannot be described some of the Diamonds had been [pounded] in a mortor to dust, all the Large stones were Missing and the small diamonds into the three were not to be found and only part of one of them could be distinguished, nothing of the diamond sirpush could be discovered, of the Jewelry of the Purtollah only three Emeralds were to be found His Highness in the first burst of His indignation entreated me to take the Jewelry to Calcutta—to shew it to the British Government as the best proof he could afford of what had been done, He distinctly charged Rajah Odwunt Sing, who he said as Dewan ought to have taken care that this Property was not defaced with, being the assistant and adviser of the measure for said he I well know that until he was made Dewan and the answer came from Calcutta that his nomination to that appointment was acceptable to the British Government, the Turband was untouched no sooner was he appointed than, to gain my poor brother's Confidence and to please him he advised the measure that is so disgraceful what confidence can I have in him ; and What hope can I have of his becoming a good servant to me when he treats me with every disrespect, not sparing even the coarsest and most indecent Language towards me, It is not that I do not want to have a Dewan —I wish to shew that respect to the British Government that ought to be paid it, and I trust when my promising to name such a person as Dewan as will meet the approbation of the Governor General in Council, my desire to dismiss Rajah Oodwunt Sing will not be discountenanced, to this I could not reply Jewelry was destroyed and it was notorious that Oodwunt Sing not only did not attempt to prevent its being injured but to gratify the Late Highness whom he did not think so near his death, the Rajah openly asserted that he would not prevent His Highness giving to whomsoever he choose every Jewel in the Nizamut.

I would beg leave to solicit instruction what answer I am to make to His Highness's Will with respect to my being the bearer of the broken Jewelry to Calcutta, perhaps it might remove every doubt from the mind of the Most Noble the Governor General in Council, if the remains of the Turband and Purtollah were laid also upon their Council Table, as by receiving them they might be enabled to form some Idea of the serious injury that has been intentionally done to the Interest of the Nizamut, indeed such a measure would greatly gratify His Highness and the Troops that would probably accompany them would clearly remove any suspicion that might possibly arise in the minds of the Government that His Highness was anxious to dismiss Oodwunt Sing from Personal Pique or to plunder the Begum of her Property.

I am making every exertion to discover who are the Persons chiefly implicated in this Affairs, and I hope my Report will prove to the Government that the Nawaub Nazim Syud Ahmed Ali has shewn more clemency and mildness than could have been expected and I am obliged to add the greatest Difficulty I have had in procuring Evidence has arisen from his great dislike to search the houses of the suspected. Tho' I understand, in that Bussunt Ali Khan upwards of one lack and eight thousand Rupees of Gold and Jewelry which he admits to belong to the Nizamut has been discovered, Bussaunt Ali Khan is the Eunuch mentioned in my late dispatches as the adviser of and assistant in the measures adopted previous to His Highness's demise, He distinctly Charges the Dewan as the prime mover of the last acts said to have spring from His Highness and says that the late Nawaub's hand and seal was never put to a paper until he was insensible to passing objects.

If it be the pleasure of Government that I should attend at the Ante-room of the Council and present the Jewelry for the Inspection and satisfaction of the Government, I can reach Calcutta in a fly Boat in 24 or 30 hours and return in nearly in the same Space of time, thus no inconvenience would be experienced here by my short absence and the mind of Nawaub Nazim be considerably relieved from the great anxiety he at present experiences.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 24th August 1821.

F. W. Russell.
A. A. G. G.

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to inform you that His Highness the Nawaub Nazim was installed Yesterday Morning the Forms that had been adopted by Mr. Rocke was strictly observed.

2nd. I had addressed a letter to Coll. Edwards requesting him to fire a salute on the occasion of the succession and to proclaim His Highness at Berhampore according to Custom with which he most obligingly Complied.

3rd. I also wrote to the Commercial Resident at Cossimbazar requesting him to proclaim His Highness's accession after the usual mode at that Place.

4th. His Highness seated himself on the Musnud a few minutes after 10 O'Clock in the presence of almost all the European Gentlemen and Ladies of the stations of Berhampore and Moorshedabad, when he was seated I made a short Persian address to His Highness stating that His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council had been pleased to acknowledge His Highness Soubadar of the three Provinces of Bengal Behar and Orissa and the titles formerly mentioned.

5. His Highness then received the Nuzur from and presented Khilauts to the Various Relations and Dependants of the Nizamut, he afterwards went to the mosque in the Chowke, and upon his return Continued receiving Nuzzers till late in the afternoon. His Highness had prepared an Establishment for the European Gentlemen and Ladies at the Furrah Baug at which upwards of fifty Persons attended.

6. It is with the highest gratification I have to state that the Ceremony was conducted with every propriety and not one single unpleasent Occurrence happened to cloud the happiness and Splendour of the day all Parties excepting such as were under restraint seemed to vie with each other in promoting and upholding the Dignity of the Occasion it is no small pleasure to me to have it in my power to state for the information of His Excellency the Governor General in Council the high satisfaction every Noblemen and Gentleman both Native and European expressed and I hope His Expression of his feelings in his Letter to His Excellency will equal the (illegible) and energetic Language in which he (illegible) his gratitude to me after the Ceremony was over.

7. Rising from a Bed of Sickness to which I had been Confined for five successive days, and the exertions I am called upon to make during the day will I hope prove a sufficient reason for my not affording a more Minute Detail of the proceedings of the day in my present exhausted state. Rest and quiet are of the utmost importance to me.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 31 August 1821.

F. W. Russell,
A. A. G. G.

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a letter from His Highness the Nawaub Nazim to His Excellency, the Most Noble the Governor General, with one to your address.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 1 Sept. 1821.

F. W. Russell,
A. A. G. G.

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose seven Letters which I have received from His Highness the Nawaub Nazim one to the address of the Hon'ble J. Adam, One to the Hon'ble John Fendall one to G. Swinton Esqr. One to yourself and three to other Gentlemen at Calcutta.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 3rd Sept. 1821.

F. W. Russell,
A. A. G. G.

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to inform you that Considering it proper, that the true state of His Highness's Health previous to his death should be discovered in order that the Validity of the letter written and sent to me the day His Highness died might be ascertained, I caused every enquiry to be made and took the Depositions of such

persons as I conceived most likely to be acquainted with the Circumstance.

2nd. The first deposition I took was that of Bussunt Ali Khan ; the late Nawaub Nazim he distinctly stated that for 15 Days previous to His Highness's Death he was insensible, this man had little to hope or fear his Conduct previous to His Highness's death was Notorious and the Property he had embezzled was found in his House, in giving his Testimony therefore he had little inducement to swear falsely especially as he knew other persons would be examined and he might be able to make a merit of telling the truth.

3rd. Bushire Ali Khan is the Eunuch who previously to His Highness's death gave the information mentioned in my former letters his deposition Corresponds with that of Bussunt Ali Khan, and as they have not been allowed to communicate with each other, it in some degree tends to Confirm the truth of the evidence.

4. The evidence upon which the greatest Confidence is to be placed, is that of Meerza Buksh Ali and that of Ali Rizza Khan, the former is the foster Brother of His Highness's Father, he is wealthy and holds no office in the Nizamut he has always been treated with particular kindness by the members of the Family and was a personal favourite and the Constant Companion of His late Highness. Altho' Constantly in His Highness's presence he does not appear to have been one of the persons engaged in the Destruction of the property of the Nizamut previous to His Highness's Death.

5. Mirza Buksh Ali Distinctly Swear to the state in which His Highness was previous to his death, and that he was utterly incapable of transacting any business or indeed of knowing what was passing around him for several days.

6. Ali Rizza Khan was the Mahomedan who attended His Highness and when His Highness ceased to take his medicines, Ali Rizza still Continued in Constant attendance both Day and Night in case His Highness might change his mind and Call for him. This Witness has no inducement to swear falsely and every Confidence may be placed in his Evidence.

7. The Four persons thus mentioned distinctly swear to the state of His Highness's mind they have derived no advantage from the Evidence they have given, they were examined separately and there is reason to believe, that they have not had any previous intercourse with each other in which they might arrange their Evidence.

8. As their Depositions tally with the information I Received previous to His Highness's demise with what I myself observed in the many visits I paid His Highness and with Mr. Smiths opinion the last Day he saw the Nawaub Nazim, I am inclined to state the Conviction upon my mind is, that Shumsher Jung induced the Dewan to send to me for the Most Noble the Governor General the letters in which all the Property of the Nizamut was given to Ammeeroon Nissa Begum his Daughter—and that the release (Furra Khuttee) given to His Highness's Father-in-Law was signed and sealed at the period when His Highness was incapable from mental imbecility of mind of knowing what he was doing even if he did sign it.

9. I also enclose the evidence given by Moonshee Koorban Ali the person who wrote the letter—the letter alluded to—It is in direct opposition to what is sworn by the other four persons and might Cast some suspicion when the testimony of Bassunt Ali Khan, Bushire Ali Khan Meerza Buksh Ali, and Ali Rizza Huqkeem, but for the fact that Moonshee Koorban Ali and Moonshee Shoojaut Ali received a Thousand Rupees when they wrote the letter upon the day of His Highness's death, and so large a present could only be for the purpose of Concealing the true state of His Highness's health at the time he is said to have given the instructions for the letters to be written.

10. I perhaps ought here to notice that I distinctly informed the Dewan previous to His Highness's Death, that all persons holding offices of trust would be held responsible for their several trusts in the event of His Highness's Demise. I gave the same intelligence to the servants themselves. It was upon this information that to secure the property they had severally embezzled, the various Furra Kuttees were signed for they were not thought of until after the receipt of my Letters to the Dewan and to Nawaub Shumsher Jung.

11. There can be no excuse for the conduct of the Dewan it's business and duplicacy cannot be palliated altho' it cannot be proved by Justice evidence ; that he has received any part of the large property that is missing still it was his Duty to have protected it for the heir or to have informed me of the various acts that were being performed under his eyes instead of screening the Offenders ; and placing the Nizamut seal upon letters that he well knew could not contain the wishes of His Highness.

12. I deeply regret that serious indisposition prevented my Examination as Closely as I could have wished the several Witnesses sooner but my health at times rendered me utterly incapable of continuing the Examination and that when they were most important.

13. The deposition I have now the honor to send for the information of the Most Noble the Governor General in Council are clear and distinct as far as they go and I have every reason to believe they may be relied upon, as true and Correct. If they are admitted to be so they establish the fact of His Highness's mental imbecility for several days previous to his demise thus proving the letters (sent to me for the Most Noble the Governor General in Council the 6th August in the irregular manner before mentioned) were not the act and deed of the late Nawab Nazim.

14. The Nawaub Nazim has repeatedly solicited me to carry the remains of the Turband of state to Calcutta, he says it would at once establish beyond all doubt the neglect of the Dewan, and the Conduct of the late Nawab's servants. My reply to these solicitations has been that I have stated His Highness's wishes in my letter to the British Government—and as yet I have not received any instruction on the subject.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 6th Sept. 1821.

F. W. Russell,
A. A. G. G.

Enclosure

Q. Did H. H. give anyone a receipt in full (Faruqh Khutee)?

A. He gave Shumsher Jung a Faruqh Khutee, but at that time he was not sensible, and did not give it of his own free will, because before it was given why did not H. H. direct the Rajah to read to him Shumsher

Jung's Faruqh Khuttee. He was quite insensible Sheanath and Shumsher Jung wrote and took whatever they pleased.

Q. Was H. H. sensible at that time or not?

A. He was not sensible.

Q. The day two letters were written and sent to me, was H. H. then sensible or not?

A. I did not see.

Q. Do you know if any of the Nizamut property go to Sheanath's house?

A. One tray of Jewels was wrapt up in Cloth on Board the Pinnace. The Rajah saw it and said this remains take it to Sher Ali Jemadar and I understood H. H. had given them to Sheanath, but whether he took them to his house or not I do not know.

Q. Did any Cash or Jewels belonging to the Nizamut go to Shamsher Jung's house?

A. I do not know But from Shumsher Jung's, Busunt Ali Khan's and the Kullum dan Khanna, some Cash was sent to the Doolhin Begum's house. This I know, and one Faruqh Khutee was kept by Sheanath. He said H. H. had written, signed and gave it to him. But this I did not see if H. H. had written, or Sheanath had written it.

Q. When these Faruqh Khutees and other papers were written, in what situation was H. H.?

A. H. H. was then insensible.

Q. Who wrote the Faruqh Khutees and letters?

A. When the letters were written, the Nizamut Dewan was present—but H. H. was insensible—but when the Faruq Khutees were being written the Dewan was not there Shamsher Jung and Sheanath wrote Faruqh Khutees.

Deposition of Mirza Buksh Ali alias Mirza Khoka
5th Zelhejeh 1236—2 Septr. 1821.

I was born in the Nizamut and was brought up with Dillun Jung, and from the time his late Highness was a Child I was with him.

Q. Was you always in attendance on H. H.?

A. I was always present.

Q. In what Serishta were you employed?

A. I had no Employment, but I was always present the same as the Ukurbah and Moosaibs.

Q. How many days previous to H. H.'s death was he so very seriously unwell?

A. I do not recollect.

Q. Were you with H. H. when H. H. last went to Chumpapokur?

A. I went with H. H. in the same carriage.

Q. At that time in what state of health was H.H.?

A. Lethargic and insensible.

Q. Was H. H. at any time sensible?

Q. When the Intervals of sense most prevalent, or those of Insensibility?

A. The intervals of sense were very short.

Q. When H. H. Returned from Chumpapokur, by what Conveyance did he come?

A. H. H. first went in the Carriage, where I with much trouble carried him in my arms. But on the Road as H. H. could not bear the motion of the carriage, he was put in a Palankeen, after which he was put on board a pulwar. In the road the cold brought on a Fever there was nothing to cover him in the boat I therefore covered him with my own Shawl from thence (Biramgunge) H. H. proceeded to Furah Baugh, On H. H. arrival, the medicine I had in my Turband, I gave H. H. He then wished to make water and I came out.

Q. Was Shumsher Jung then present?

A. At that time H. H. was not on good terms with Shumsher Jung but Shumsher Jung was always sending for leave to come to H. H. but H. H. gave no Answer and did not send for him.

Q. When was Shumsher Jung reconciled to H. H.?

A. When H. H. returned to Furah Baugh, from Chumpapookar after that Shumsher Jung sent for permission to come after which H. H. Sent for him.

Q. By whose advice did H. H. break up the Jewelled Turband?

A. I do not know.

Q. How many days was H. H. insensible?

A. From the time he went to Chumpapokur, H. H. intervals of insensibility were much increased.

Q. For how many days previous to H. H. death was he insensible?

A. About 15 or 16 days.

Q. Was H. H. uniformly insensible?

A. Yes—When he was sick and Called to take medicine he became sensible.

Q. Do you Know if H. H. sent any letters to the Agent for the Govr. Genl.?

A. Yes I do and when these letters were written H. H. was insensible and had no sense of his own situation. Moonshee Khorban Ali, and Moonshee Shoojat Ali wrote the letters and Sheanath was present, when I saw them writing I smiled, and said what are these people about.

Q. By whose orders were the Letters written?

A. I do not know, but one day Nawaub Shamsher Jung was employed until 12 at night superintending the writing of the Letters, and one day the Rajah, the Dewan of the Nizamut was employed in superintending the writing of Letters, and exclusive of the Letters to His Lordship many letters Faruqh Khutees, and other papers were prepared by Shumsher Jung this I myself saw and the contents of the letter I learnt from Sheanath.

Q. Was H. H. sensible at that time?

A. No. If you shook and spoke to H. H. he made a Kind of noise, but not that of a man in his sense and he had become deaf, nor could he properly understand what was said to him, and if not called two or three times he did not hear, and was unable to.

Q. How many days was H. H. in the state you describe?

A. From the day H. H. returned from Amanee Gunge, it was Tuesday, and H. H. remained in that state till the Monday following, and he daily became worse and worse. Between this Tuesday and the Monday the Faruqh Khutees and other Letters and papers were taken by Shumsher Jung, and others, but the particular day they were written I do not Know.

Q. Did you ever hear that the Agent had written an Inshtehar Perwanah to Baboo Gungadhur, to take care, in the event of anything happening to H. H., the accounts and papers to be kept in order?

A. I heard from Sheanath that letters had come from the Agent to the Rajah and Busunt Ali Khan, but the contents I was not informed.

Q. Was H. H. at that time insensible?

A. Sheanath came out and gave orders as coming from H. H. But when I went into the inner room of the Pinnace to H. H. I found him insensible.

Q. Was Rajah Oodwunt Singh always with H. H.?

A. He always came in the Morning and Evening.

Q. Who put H. H.'s seal to the papers?

A. Amanut Khan, or Dianut Khan used to put the seal on.

Deposition of Hukeem Ali Reza Khan taken 2nd Sept. 1821—4 Zelhized 1236—72 years of age.

Q. How long have you given Medicine to His late Highness?

A. First—Shookul Misur gave H. H. Medicine for a Month, and 3 days after which Hukeem Ali Azim and myself gave H. H. medicine for 18 days, after which Hukeem Zoolcar Ali Khan gave medicine for 5 days. Subsequently for 22 or 23 days I again gave H. H. medicine and again Shookul was called in who attended until H. H. died.

Q. When H. H. last went to Chumpapookur did you accompany him?

A. I went with H. H. at that time he was insensible, talking and sleeping at intervals.

Q. How many days did H. H. remain insensible?

A. About 15 days.

Q. Was he uniformly insensible for that number of days?

A. Yes for 15 days at any persons calling to him frequently he would open his eyes, speak and again relapse into insensibility.

Q. Shortly before H. H.'s death when he returned from Amanea Gunge?

A. I went with him H H. insensibility was then increased.

Q. When H. H. died were you present?

A. Yes, about 4 hours before that event I went and looked at him and wept.

Q. Was H. H. able to write?

A. No.

Q. How many days was H. H. unable to write?

A. For 7 or 8 days previous to his death.

Q. If any papers had been read to H. H.'s was he able to understand them?

A. H. H. was insensible and unable to understand—Nor was H. H. sensible when the Jewels were sent for and broke up.

Q. When the Jewelled Turband was broke up, was H. H. sensible?

A. Sometimes sensible, at others not, but never sensible for any time.

Deposition of Moonshee Khorban Ali taken 4th Zilhegeh 1236—2 September 1821.

Q. How long have you been employed in the Nizamut?

A. My Father Nisaar Ali was a servant of the Nizamut, when the Bubboo Begum took charge of the Deuries my Father was employed then, when he died I succeeded as Moonshee to the Dewrie.

Q. When H. H. last went to Chumpapookur did you attend him?

A. No—I did not.

Q. The day H. H. went to Amanee Gung were you in attendance?

A. No.

Q. How many days previous to H. H.'s death, were you in attendance?

A. For 10 days previous.

Q. In these ten days did you write any letters to the Most Noble the Governor General, or to any other person?

A. Two letters to the Agent I wrote by H. H.'s orders.

Q. At that time was H. H. sensible?

A. When I spoke to H. H. he spoke sensibly.

Q. How do you mean, was H. Highness perfectly sensible?

A. He was sensible in a small degree (Each) I wrote 2 letters to the agent, one was relative to the Malda Complaint, & the other about Boats.

Q. Just before H. H. death did you write any letters?

A. On the 4th Zelhadia 3 days before H. H. death I wrote a letter to His Lordship, one to Mr. Prinsep and one to the Agent stating H. H. had given the Jewels and cash to the Doolhin Begum.

Q. Was H. H. sensible at that time?

A. H. H. gave me orders to write a letter to His Lordship, Munnee Begum's Jewels & whatever Cash I have and 2 shares of Land one to the Doolhin Begum, and one to the Baw Begum, saying go and take the advice of the Rajah and write to the Governor General H. H. was then sensible.

Q. Was H. H. sufficiently sensible to Understand the substance of the Letters, and to give you directions?

A. Yes H. H. heard the letters and talked to me.

Q. Was H. H. able to write?

A. H. H. could read & write, but he did not those letters H. H. heard them read, they were read by Rajah —and the Nawaub H. H. signed them. I said when we are well, what is written is different to the present. H. H. was able to sign when H. H. was well he never wrote Himself.

Q. When H. H. gave the Faruqh Khutees to Shumsher Jung was H. H. sensible?

A. When the Faruqh Kutees was given he was sensible.

Q. How many days previous to H. H. death was the Faruqh Khutee given?

A. Three days previous to H. H.'s death and on the day of H. H.'s death the Rajah wrote several letters near H. H. Two letters to the Governor General—and one to Mr. Prinsep, and one to the Agent, and took H. H.'s signature to them.

Q. Was H. H. then sensible?

A. When the letters were signed H. H. was sensible.

Q. For 15 days previous to H. H.'s death did he remain sensible or not?

A. At times sensible and at times not, but on signing letters H. H. was sensible.

Q. On the day of H. H.'s death was H. H. sensible?

A. When I spoke to H. H. he was sensible.

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—In closing my dispatch of yesterday the Persian Copy of one of the Depositions was omitted which I have now the honor to enclose.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 7th Sept. 1821.

F. W. Russell,
A. A. G. G.

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a Copy and translation of a letter which I have received from His Highness the Nawaub Nazim.

It appears, the disturbance complained of arose from the quarrels that exist from the present state of Parties in the Nizamut in Consequence of the investigation that is being carried on for the purpose of endeavouring to discover the persons who have embezzled and destroyed the property of His late Highness and those persons who are implicated have endeavoured by every intrigue that a native is Capable of forming, to Cast a stigma upon His Highness's, and by various petty Complaints to throw obstacles in the play of the Investigation.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 11th Sept. 1821.

F. W. Russell,
A. A. G. G.

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a Copy of a Correspondence with the senior member of the Provincial Court of Appeal.

2d. Much inconvenience will be experienced from Mr. Smith having Changed his intention, and the feelings of His Highness will be greatly hurt at the neglect thus paid to him by a Gentleman of such high Rank in the service of the Government.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 13th Sept. 1821.

F. W. Russell,
O. A. G. G.

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to inform you for the information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council, that H. Highness the Nawaub Nazim invited yesterday a Large Party to be present at the annual Ceremony of the Baira.

2d. Invitations were sent to all the Families and Gentlemen at Berhampore in consequence of which a Large Assemblage of European Gentlemen and Ladies took place ; the Entertainments were a Dinner, Nautch and Supper, with Fireworks upon the River.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 14 Sept. 1821.

F. W. Russell,
O. A. G. G.

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose Copy of a Letter I have received from Mr. N. Smith the Officiating Collector at this place, and I request you will have the goodness to obtain for me the orders of the Governor on the subject.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 17th September 1821.

F. W. Russell,
O. A. G. G.

Enclosure
F. W. Russell Esqr.,
O. A. G. G.

Sir, -No. 8339 & 8340 of 261 of 1811/12 Promissory Notes have been Called in the interest, thereon, Ceased on the 31 July last, as I have not sufficient assets to answer the demand of your Office, for the Agent's salary I have taken the liberty of informing you of the Circumstance that you may take such steps touching this matter as to you may deem meet and proper.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 15th September 1821.

Nath. Smith,
Ag. Collr.

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to report to you for the information of H. Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council, that H. Highness the Nawaub Nazim has requested me to state, that previous to the death of her late Highness the Waulida Begum, she wrote to the late Nawaub Nazim expressing her wish, that the Prayers and Ceremonies that are usually performed at the Mohurrum should be regularly continued after her decease at her house, and that His late Highness acceded to the Begum's wish and that he proposed Carrying the desire into effect, & hoped the Most Noble the Governor General would approve of His proceedings as it was a Matter that related to Religious feeling, and His Highness personally felt so much respect for the memory of the Waulida Begum, that it would cause him real sorrow if her wish upon such a point should not be attended to.

2d. I replied to His Highness that I should report the Circumstance and in consequence of the great anxiety expressed by him on the ground of Religious

feeling I should not offer any opposition to the measure, but that His Highness must consider himself personally responsible, that none of the seals were broken by the People who may attend the Ceremony.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 17th Sept. 1821.

F. W. Russell, *O. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr., &ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have had the honor to receive your letter dated the 15th Instant directing me to negotiate with His Highness the Nawaub Nazim for the purchase of a piece of Land the Property of His Highness situated between Clive Street and the River Hooghly for the purpose of Completing a Road & forming a Ghaut upon it.

2nd. Enclosed I beg leave to send for the information of H. Excellency the Most Noble the Govr. General a Copy and translation of a Letter I have received from H. Highness by which you will observe H. Highness Consents either to present the Ground in question to the Honorable Company or sell it as may appear most expedient to the Government

3rd. I request you will do me the favour to inform me the mode in which the Government would direct to have the Deed of Gift or sale drawn out.

4. I have reason to believe H. Highness would feel flattered if the Ghaut was named after himself.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 24 Sept. 1821.

F. W. Russell, *O. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr., &ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a Copy of a Letter I have considered it my duty to address to the Magistrate of this City in consequence of the present state of Affairs in the Nizamut.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 24th Sept. 1821.

F. W. Russell, *O. A. G. G.*

Enclosure

F. Magniac Esqr., &ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—It occurs to me in the present state of the Parties in the Nizamut, that some Persons implicated in the transaction that are now being investigated may take the opportunity of the Mohurrum and Dussera Coming together, to vent their Political feelings and under the Cloak of Religion disturb the Peace of the City.

Nawaub Shumsher Jung is a Person much to be suspected and I would beg to bring to your Notice whether it might not be proper to bind him over to keep Peace ; If his intentions are harmless he cannot object, and if they are not ; you perhaps may feel it your duty to prevent his intrigues from disturbing the City.

I have deemed it my duty to state this Circumstance to you that you may take such notice of it as you may Consider most expedient.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 24th Sept. 1821.

F. W. Russell, *O. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr., &ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a Copy of a Letter I received from Mr. W. T. Smith senior member of the Court of Appeal & Circuit.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 27th Sept. 1821.

F. W. Russell.

Enclosure

F. W. Russell and F. Magniac Esqrs.

Gentlemen,—I think it necessary to acquaint you, that in reply to Mr. Secretary Bayley's Letter of the 21st Instant and Mr. Secretary Prinseps letter of the 22d Instant to my address received Yesterday, that I have solicited the Permission of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council, to be permitted to decline the share with which I have been entrusted, on the Commission appointed for the examination into the defaced and mutilated Condition in which the Jewels of the Nizamut were stated to have been found upon the accession of the present Nawaub.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad, the 26th Sept. 1821.

W. T. Smith.

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr., &ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—His Highness the Nawaub Nazim has represented to me, that Nusrut Jung the Nawaub of Dacca, and Shumsood Dowlah his younger Brother, have omitted to send the usual Nuzzur of Congratulation upon His Highness's accession to the Musnud of the Soubahdaree of Bengal, Behar and Orissa ; and His Highness has requested me to bring the circumstance to the notice of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General that the Omission may be rectified.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 17th October 1821.

F. W. Russell, *O. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr., &ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—His Highness has stated to me that he proposes to employ Lalla Girdharee Lall, as His Highness's Vakeel at Calcutta for the present, and His Highness hopes you

will have the goodness to receive him as such until a permanent arrangement can be made.

His Highness has informed me, that Lallah Girdharee Lall is personally known to you which renders any further observation from me regarding him unnecessary.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 17th October 1821. F. W. Russell, *O. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—It is with sentiments of the deep Concern I have to state to you for the information of H. Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General, that severe and dangerous Indisposition has prevented Mr. Morrieson from proceeding upon the business assigned him by the Government of attesting to the state of the Nizamut Jewelry.

2nd. Mr. R. Morrieson who is on the spot and Acting in the Court of Appeal, might I humbly hope be directed to officiate for his brother in the present Case.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 17th October 1821. F. W. Russell, *O. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose four Letters from His Highness the Nawaub Nazim of Bengal one to the address of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General, one to the Hon'ble J. Adam, one to the Hon'ble J. Fendall and one to yourself.

The Contents of these letters I have reason to believe are so notorious as to require at present no further remark from me.

From the great want of good and Intelligent Officers in the various departments of the Nizamut and from the death of one person and the sickness of another Considerable delay has taken place in bringing the Investigation to a satisfactory close ; but that it goes on slowly, I hope soon to be able to shew to the Government the advantage that was taken of His late Highness's imbecility of mind.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 23d October 1821. F. W. Russell, *O. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to state to you for the information of H. Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General, that His Highness proposes to nominate Gungadhur Baboo to be Naib Dewan during the present suspension of Rajah Oodwunt Sing: the Character of Gungadhur Baboo must be well known to the Government and requires no notice from me but to add my testimony to that of my Predecessor's of his Efficiency and good Conduct.

I should not be doing Justice to this Person if I did not state, he is the most Efficient Servant at present in the Nizamut.

His Highness also proposes to nominate Meer Ghaleb Ali to be the Treasurer and Tuveeldar of the Amanee Monies of the Nizamut. I am not aware that any objection exists to Meer Ghaleb Ali's nomination, I have understood that he is a very respectable man and is much attached to the interests of his master, the Nawaub Nazim.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 27th October 1821. F. W. Russell, *O. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose two letters from H. Highness the Nawaub Nazim of Bengal.

One to the address of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General, and one to yourself.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 27th October 1821. F. W. Russell, *O. A. G. G.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose for the information of H. Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council a Copy of a letter which I have received from Mr. R. Morrieson.

The subsequent Death of Mr. D. Morrieson and the profound grief into which this Melancholy event has thrown the Family will cause a delay of a few days but I hope Mr. Morrieson will shortly be enabled to perform the duty assigned him by the Government.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 29th October 1821. F. W. Russell, *O. A. G. G.*

Enclosure

F. W. Russell Esqr.,
Officiating Agent to the Governor General.

Sir,—I am duly favoured with the receipt of your Letter of the 23d Instant and its enclosure, and in reply beg leave to intimate that the present dangerous state in which my Brother Mr. D. Morrieson now is entirely precludes the possibility of fixing any specific date, for the purpose of meeting yourself and Mr. Magniac to investigate the state of the Nizamut Jewelry ; but be assured I shall do myself the honor of embracing the

earliest Opportunity of fixing the nearest possible date and shall intimate the same to you without delay.—I have etc.

Berhampore, the 24th October 1821.

R. Morrieson, *Officiating Judge.*

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H. T. Prinsep Esqr., &ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 1st September enclosing a translation of a letter from Ameer Oonissa Begum ; and calling for report upon the subject.

2d. On the night His late Highness the Nawaub Zyne Oodun died I went to the City to seal such places as Contained Treasure or Jewels, according to the Custom that has prevailed in the Nizamut accompanied by Mr. Smith the Civil Surgeon and by Mr. Myles my Head uncovenanted Assistant.

3d. I had previously to His Highness's decease received information that much money had been removed from the treasury that these Jewels had been taken from the Jewel Toveel and that very valuable property wrought in the precious metals the Heirlooms of the Nizamut Family (which had been broken up to a large Amount and converted into Bullion) had been secreted in the Mansion of the Dhoolein Begum.

4th. As I possessed no Authority to dictate to the Nawaub Nazim the place in which H. Highness should keep his Treasure or Jewels, It merely became my duty to seal up such places as he had previously chosen and if they were in the Houses of His Wives to treat those persons with every respect in the Execution of my duty.

5th. When I arrived in the City I sent a Message to the Begum stating the necessity I was under of sealing up such places in which Nizamut Property was placed at first she objected but at length Consented to my doing so the proper measures having been adopted to prevent any of the Females being seen, I went into the lower rooms of her house accompanied by the Heir presumptive whose property was to be sealed up, by the Dewan, Rajah Oodwunt Sing, by Mr. Smith the Civil Surgeon, and by Mr. Myles my uncovenanted Assistant.

6th. I hope it is unnecessary for me to state that I did not pursue any harsh measures in the execution of my duty for independently of the delicacy due to one Elevated Female who was in grief ; the Brother of her late Husband as well as the Dewan (the highest official Persons in the Nizamut) were present with all the Eunuchs of the Palace to conduct the Business in the most decorous manner, the Begum was in a House at a short distance from the one in which the Property had been secreted having removed previous to our Arrival.

7th. The Boxes and Doors of the Rooms in which the Treasure and valuables were deposited were sealed with the seal of the Agency Office by my uncovenanted Assistant and were severally examined by Mr. Smith and myself when sealed.

8th. As soon as the business was concluded Her Highness the Dhoolein Begum sent to me to solicit I would not quit her house without visiting her ; from delicacy I at first objected but upon a second Message being brought to me I consented and then accompanied by Mr. Smith I went to the Bungalow in which her Highness was, she was behind a Purdah—and the Conversation (as is mentioned in Mr. Smiths Letter a Copy of which is enclosed) was purely that of Condolence, and sympathy for her great loss, and according to what is Customary on such occasions of grief I ordered a handsome sum of money to be distributed among the servants of Her Highness from my private funds.

9th. On the day I had the honor to receive your dispatch dated the 9th of August Covering Letters of Condolence from the Most Noble the Governor General to His Highness the Nawaub Syed Ahmed Ali Khan and to the Dhooline Begum I attended His Highness and while I was with the Nawaub I sent a Message to Ameeroonissa Begum stating my wish to visit her she immediately informed me by Roy Aufzoon Khan she would be happy to receive me I accordingly went to her Deurie ; after the usual Ceremonies were passed and I had delivered the letter from the Most Noble the Govr. General I opened a Negociation in which I stated that much of the Nizamut property had been reported to me as having been broken up and secreted in her Palace ; that malicious persons might Circulate false impressions, and reports, inimical to her Character, and dignity, and I solicited that when orders might come to me directing the seals to be removed that she would consent that the Property should be delivered over to the Nizamut, that I pledged myself she should receive what was justly her due and every attention should be paid to her Interests ; that I noticed the Circumstance to her from a desire that her name should not be united to those persons who were implicated in the spoliations, that I had every reason to believe had taken place, and from a wish to maintain her dignity, and honor unsullied.

10th. At first Her Highness refused she said all that was in her house was her own that there was not a single article of Nizamut Property in her Toshuk Khana, I represented to her that my information was so clear that altho' she might not be acquainted with the fact still I had no doubt but that ill disposed persons had used her house for the secretion of property that had during the Reign of several Nazims, been handed down as Heirlooms to their Posterity, she at length gave her consent and promised to write me a letter stating her approbation, being convinced that it was most advantageous to her interests.

11th. I am sorry to say the next day the Begum recalled her promise (as I have since learnt) at the earnest solicitations of her father Nawaub Shumsher Jung conveyed to her thro' her Mother the wife of Shumsher Jung.

12th. I conceived Her Highness's Consent to the removal of the property was equally essential to what was due to her station and dignity as to that of the Nawaub Nazim whose Treasure and Family Valuables might be squandered, and destroyed, that I ventured a Message to Her Highness pointing out to her the bad appearance her breach of promise would have the Confirmation such Conduct might give to the Reports, that were already abroad to her disadvantage ; and giving her my personal promise, that Justice should be done to her and that the strictest attention should be paid to her interests ; She appears to have attended to this represenation and I received a Letter (a Copy of which

I have the honor to enclose) giving her Consent under certain restrictions (which of Course ought to have been adopted even if she had not noticed them) for the removal of the property.

13th. Having received your dispatch dated the 10th of August directing me to take off any seals which I might in the execution of my duty have placed upon the Treasury or other place of the Nizamut I proceeded to the Palace for that purpose, accompanied by Mr. A. Smelt the Officiating Collector of town duties and Customs, upon arrival, His Highness informed me that he had written to me a letter stating he had reason to believe that the Dhooline Begum was making away with much of the Nizamut Property and requested me to remove it to a place of security, he at first wished, that I should take Charge of it myself as the Agent, to this I objected, but said I would remove the Property but that persons must be appointed to see there was no Collusion one on the part of the Nawaub Nazim, one on the part of Her Highness, and one on my part, this was in conformity to the Dhooline Begum's wishes— His Highness Consented, I then sent a Message to Her Highness, Stating I wished to go to Her house to take off the Seals, and remove the property to the Nizamut as previously agreed upon, In reply to this Message I received an answer, that the day was Munhoos and requesting me to postpone my Visit until the following morning, to this I replied that as the property having been placed there was Munhoo's it ought to be removed on a day that was Munhoo's also, This was answered by a solicitation for even a few hours delay Mr. Smelt immediately said, this great desire for a few hours of delay looks very suspecious, In consequence of this remark and H. Highness's strong instances of his suspecions ; and Conceiving if any defalcation should be discovered His Highness might Cast some Censure upon me, I returned a Message saying I had received orders to remove the seals from all places on which I might have placed them, that I had her own Consent to remove the property and the delay of a few hours Could not be of any benefit and I trusted Her Highness would permit me to execute my duty ; upon this she Complied and ordered arrangements to be made to allow of our admission.

14th. Accompanied by Mr. Smelt I proceeded to the House (His Highness Stating he would follow immediately) we found one Verandah Room in which the money had been placed properly sealed the Money was Counted in the presence of Gunga Dhur Baboo on the part of H. Highness, and of Mootee Lall (the Dewan of the Rajmahal Family) on mine, some few thousand of Rupees according to the account I had received were missing, but all the seals being perfect. I have merely to mention this Circumstance now, and Account for the defalcation in another Report ; that on the spoliation of the Nizamut Property generally.

15th. It is with sincere pain and regret I have to report the following fact, upon our proceeding to the Tosha Khanna in which the Jewelry and most Valuable property was deposited we found the Seal upon one of the Doors so far Violated that it was more than half broken and the Chain hanging inside the Staple had the appearance of having been broken not more than 24 or 36 hours (the enclosed Copy of a letter from Mr. A. Smelt confirms this fact) this Violence Could not have been Effected without Her Highness's Knowledge of it had it been so she would have at once declared her ignorance of the fact and stated upon whom her suspicion rested, instead of which upon my noticing the Circumstance to her she replied by a Message that she had taken Eight thousand Rupees from one of the Boxes of Treasure that were in that Room.

16th. Upon the arrival of the Nawaub, His Highness said what Confidence could be placed upon the Begum she is guided by Shumsher Jung he has recommended this, and Roz Aufzoon Khan must be answerable ; he begged that I would take Charge of such property as remained stating he had not confidence in hardly one of the Nizamut servants and to the Agent alone could he look for Justice.

17th. Lists of the Boxes were then taken I am sorry to be obliged to add that the Seals of various Boxes were not found entire Mr. Smith the Civil Surgeon distinctly States that he had seen the various Boxes Containing Valuables in the Tosha Khanna sealed with my Seal, but I found some of them sealed with the seal of Dhooline Begum some with that of Bussunt Ali Khan, one with that of Shenauth, and many of them not Sealed at all ; and none sealed with the seal of His late Highness, altho' there is reason to believe, the Box Containing the stones taken from the Turband, which had been broken up, had been sealed with the seal of H. Highness, there is therefore every reason to believe, that Jewels as well as the money had been removed and that more money was not taken because the Begum had not time to Secrete it.

18th. I have now to notice the Evidence I have the honor to enclose Meer Zoomerood is an Eunuch, a Creature of Her Highness, his Evidence tends to prove that Her Highness Knew of the breaking of the Agency Seal and the removal of 8,000 Rupees the apparent deference in replying to the Question of who broke the Seals, is accounted for by Her understanding the first Question related to the order, & the latter to the individual who executed it, Meer Ghalib Ali is a respectable man and does not appear to have been implicated in any way with the intrigues of the Nizamut his evidence Confirms what is said by the Eunuch relative to the 8,000 Rupees. Meer Feerdoge and Meer Feeroze are young African Eunuchs these are the persons upon whom suspicion falls that they were the instruments by which the Seal was broken Roz Aufzoon Khan was the Darogah of the late Walida Begum and was her most Confidential Servant, he Certainly bears the best Character of all the Eunuchs in the Nizamut he appears to have misunderstood H. Highness's Orders relative to the Deurie to prevent the ingress or Egress of improper persons and instead of sending (as he was directed) Eunuchs to watch Her Highness's Proceedings he merely posted an intelligent Hirkarau in Charge of the Gate who was removed by Zoomerood and other Creatures of Bussunt Ali Khan (who was Her Highness's Chief Agent and Prime Minister) with this removal he was not very early made acquainted owing to great fatigue from having attended His Highness's Funeral and having been up all the preceding night, he states he sent a Message to the Agent who was too ill from the Effects of the sun to receive his Messenger. Moonshee Auckmhul a Moonshee of the above Eunuch Confirms the fact of the Hirkarau set to

watch the Deurie of the Begum having been removed by Zoomerood and Bussunt Ali Khan, that he was sent with a Message to the Agent by Roz Aufzoon Khan to report the Circumstance that he saw the agent who was exceedingly ill and that he told him what had been done.

19th. Bolakee was the Hirkarau set to watch the Deurie who was removed ; Futtea Mahomed owns he was the Person sent by Bussunt Ali Khan to remove Bolaakee. Gungaram was the Mohurer to the privy Purse, he proved the receipt into the Deuries of 56,000 Rupees, I must here notice upon this mans return to the Begum for some papers, that Her Highness's Property might be identified, that she caused him to be cruelly beaten, abused and dismissed from her service saying you will go to the Agent and give Evidence will you, go to him and let him give you bread, thus endeavouring to prevent my procuring persons to Come and give their testimony. Mootee Lall proves a deficiency in the sums of money, this Man's Character for Probity is well known to the Government. Gunga Dhur Baboo Confirms this testimony.

20th. It alone now remains for me to State that as the Door in the Tosha Khanna had been broken and 8,000 Rupees taken out, and this fact is proved as well as the fact, that many of the Boxes that contained the Jewels were found not with the Agents Seal upon them, but open ; there is reason to believe that the Jewels might have been taken out and secreted in parts of the Dhooline Begum's ground previous to the arrival of H. Highness and the Agent, and this violation of the Seals in the Dhooline Begums House throws a shade of suspicion upon Her Highness, that it is painful to notice.

21st. It is a fact that all persons conversant with the Nizamut Property State that there are not at present one third of the Jewels which were in the possession of His late Highness previous to his Death.

22d. The Property is now being examined in the presence of H. Highness, the agent, Seit Juggut Seit, Dhokul Chund, Seit Bissen Chund, the Naib Dewan & Dewan Mootee Lall, that each Article may be valued, and Careful Lists taken, to ascertain the loss, as well as to whom that which is present belongs.

23d. I must State, that I wrote a Note to Her Highness, telling her all I knew, and Seeking an Explanation, this she refused to give by the advice of Shumsher Jung; tho' she has sent to me repeatedly to say she will inform me, who broke the Seals, if I will promise that Bussunt Ali Khan, Shumsher Jung, & Sheanauth shall be pardoned, for the parts they have Severally taken in the destruction of the Property ; my reply has always been, if Her Highness will write a reply to my note as yet unanswered, I may be induced to believe her sincere ; but until I receive her Communication in writing I must decline saying anything.

24th. I ought to apologize for the delay in making this report, severe indisposition (not to say dangerous sickness) for sometime utterly prevented my attending to my duty, the Holydays on placing His Highness on the Musnud, followed by those of the Behrah Mohurrum, Dussura, and Dewallee, added to the opposition I have met at every stage of this proceeding will clearly prove to the Most Noble the Governor General in Council that the delay has been occasioned by Causes on which I had no Control.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 13th November 1821.

F. W. Russell,
O. A. G. G.

Enclosure No. 1.
F. W. Russell Esqr.,
Acting Agent to the Governor General, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter under date the 17th Instant and in Compliance with your request have the pleasure to State to you that the Packthread, which united your two seals on one of the Doors leading into a room which you informed me Contained some Valuable Jewels belonging to the Nizamut, was all but torn out from one of the Seals, that is to say it was only held by the wax at its very end, and the impression of the Seal was torn through—Another Door, which led into this Room was evidently open ; This door was secured inside by a Chain and Staple, which fastened to the door frame above. The Seal inside was untouched, but the Clinches of the Staple on the door had in my opinion been straightened, and one of them was broken off, so that the door was easily opened by merely forcing the remaining Clinch through it, for the room, from which this latter door led into, the one said to Contain the Jewels, were to the best of my recollection two or three boxes, and had any persons occupied them at the time the door was opened they must have been aware of the Circumstance, because the Clinch of the Staple could not I imagine be forced through the door without Considerable noise. --I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 20th Sept. 1821.

A. Smelt,
A. C. G. C.

Enclosure No. 2.
F. W. Russell Esqr.,
Acting A. to the G. G., Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In reply to your letter of this date, I beg leave to inform you, that I distinctly recollect having on the night of the 1st Ultimo heard a message from the Dhooline Begum delivered to you twice, expressive of her desire to see you before you left the place, and your having in consequence after having finished what you were about, gone over together with myself to the Dhooline Begum where after being seated, a Conversation Commenced, which consisted on her part solely of expressions of regret at the demise of H. late Highness, and great anxiety as to what was to become of herself in her unprotected state, in which you sympathized and Condoled with her, and Certainly treated her with every attention and respect, and after a short time took your leave I also saw all the Boxes in the Tosha Khana said to contain money, and Silver Plate, and one Small Box said to contain Jewels, together with all the Windows and Doors, Sealed with your Seal.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 24th Sept. 1821.

T. Smith,
Civil Surgeon.

Enclosure No. 3.

Abstract of Depositions

Name	Occupation	Character	Evidence
Zummerood	Eunuch of the Dhoolhine Begums Dewrie	A Creature of the Begum's and Capable of anything in her service but the apprehension of being detected if he took a false oath and aware of the consequence his fears got the better of him and his evidence is no doubt, generally speaking Correct	Tends to prove the fact that Her Highness the Dhooline Begum being well acquainted with the breaking of the Agents Seal and to the taking out of one of Chests 8,000 Rs.
Meer Feroze Meer Feerdoze		Two Young African Eunuchs attached to the Walida Begums Dewree and are under some suspicion	Their Evidence merely tends to Corroborate the Statement of Meer Ghalib and Zummerood from their anxious desire to prove that they were not near the Tosha Khanna and other Circumstances gives strong reason to suspect they were sent to the Deurie on Wednesday, Roz Aufzoon Khan positively States one was sent on Monday
Moonshee Auckmuhl	Moonshee of the Walida Begums Deuree	A Shrewd discerning man nothing has transpired to his prejudice since he has been in the Situation he holds a period of 15 Months	His evidence is merely to the fact of the Peon Bholackee having been sent away by Zummerood and Futtee Mahamed Merdah of Chobdars, creatures of Bussunt Ali Khan and that he stated it to the Agent
Roz Aufzoon Khan	The Darogah of the Waulida Begums Deuree	This is one of the best informed among the Eunuchs and has he hitherto Kept Clear of all the intrigues of the Nizamut he was Confidential servant of the late Waulida Begum and His present Highness was in the best of terms with Her late Highness he was well acquainted with his services, & Consequently sent him to the Dhooline Begums Deurie as a person on whom he could confide—his evidence may be depended upon	His evidence is to the orders that he received from H. Highness relative to preventing admission and Egress of improper persons to the Deurie—and of his having placed the Hercarrah Bolackee in Charge of the Gate who was sent away by Zummerood & other Creatures of Bussunt Ali Khan, that sometime elapsed before he was acquainted with the Circumstance in consequence of having fallen asleep from fatigue after attending H. Highness's funerals and having been up all the night previous
Meer Ghalib	Naib Darogah of the Stables	This is a Respectable Character and has never been implicated in any of the intrigues of the Nizamut his testimony may be depended on	His evidence is Confirmed what is said by the Eunuch Zummerood relative to the 8,000 Rs. having been taken out by Her Highness the Dhoolhine Begum
Bolackee	An Herkarra of the Waulida Begums Deuree	The manner in which his evidence was given entitles him to belief	Merely to the fact of his being placed over the Deurie by Roz Aufzoon Khan & his having been sent away by Zummerood and others
Futtea Mohamad	Meerdah of Chobdars		Corroborates the Evidence of Bolackee, Moonshee Auçkmuhl and others by saying that he was the person who ordered away Bolackee Herkarra by direction of Bussunt Ali Khan
Gungahram	Mohurreer of the Seib Khass and of the Dhoolhine Begum Deuree	Nothing has even transpired to this prejudice and the clear and unembarrassed manner in which he gave his evidence entitles him to credit Her Highness dismissed this man for giving his Evidence & treated him with great disrespect and indignity	Proves the receipt of the 56,000 Rs. into the Deurie
Mootee Lall	Dewan of the Rajmahal Family	A man of Excellent Character	States that 48,000 Rs. only was in the Box instead of 56,000
Gungadhur Babboo son-in-Law of the late Jynauth Ghose		Who always Conducted himself with the greatest Propriety—His Character is impeccable	Confirms the above Testimony

Name	Occupation	Character	Evidence
Thoms. Smith	Civil Surgeon		In reply to the Agents letter, States that he distinctly recollects having twice heard on the night of the 12th Ultimo a Message delivered from the Dhoolhine Begum expressive of her desire of seeing the Agent before he left the place, and that previous the Agents quiting the Deurie he accompanied him to the apartment of the Dhoolhine Begum where a Conversation Commenced on her part solely of Expressions of regret at the demise of His late Highness, and the great anxiety she felt as to what was to become of herself in her unprotected State. The Agent Sympathized and Condoled with her, and every attention and respect were paid to her. That he saw all the Boxes in the Toshakhanna said to Contain money, and silver Plate ; and one small Box said to Contain Jewels together with all the Windows & Doors Sealed with the Agents Seals
A. Smelt	Acting Collector of Government Customs		In reply to the Agents Letter States of his having found the Packthread which united the two Seals of the Agent upon one of the Doors leading into a Room which the Agent informed him, Contains some valuable Jewels belonging to the Nizamut was all but torn out from one of the Seals so that it was only held by the Wax at its very end, and the impression of the Seal was torn through, another Door which led into this Room was evidently open ; that it had originally been secured inside by a Chain and Staple which fastened to the Door frame above, the Seal inside was untouched, but the Clinches of the Staple on the Door had in his opinion been Straightened and one of them was broken off—So that the door was easily opened by merely forcing the remaining Clinch through it In the Room from which the latter door led into that said to Contain Jewels were, to the best of his recollection, two or three beds and had they been Occupied by any Persons at the time the Door was opened they must have been aware of the Circumstance because as he imagined the Clinch of the Staple could not be forced through the Door without Considerable notice
W. Myles	Uncovenanted Assistant in the G.G.'s Agency office		Declares that he attended the Agent at the Deurie of Her Highness the Dhoolhine Begum on the night of the 6th of August, last when the Seals were put on the property, and further States that in the presence and by the directions of the Agent he affixed the Seal of the Agent to the Doors of the Tosha Khana and that the Several Chests, Boxes, Patarrahs, & Cooking utensil, said to Contain Cash, Plate and Jewels, were each of them previously Sealed with Seals of different Persons attached to the Nizamut which Seals were still on them, at the time of sealing the Doors

Deposition of Muhumud Busher Ali Khan Eunuch, taken in the presence of F. W. Russell Acting Agent of the Governor General at Moorshedabad, written and sworn by Wajed Ali Khan Dewan of the Nazim's Adalut, on 3rd Zulhejeh 1236.

I have been in the Service of H. late Highness and his Sircar for 18 years.

Q. How old are you?

A. 28 or 29.

Q. In His late Highness's time with whom was the gold & silver kept?

A. It was first kept in the Behla, afterwards under charge of Sher Ali Jemadar.

Q. Who had charge of the Munnee Begum's Jewels?

A. They were first Kept in the Behla Afterwards in the house on the other side of the River, and the key was kept by the Eunuch at the Doolhin Begum's, Mahmood, afterwards in the Morning of Edilfitur, a Month and some days before H. H.'s death, he commenced looking at the Jewels.

Q. When the breaking up of the Turband and other Jewels Commenced, who had the key of the Jewelry?

A. Sher Ali Jemadar.

Q. Do you know who had charge of the Bubboo Begum's Jewels?

A. I do not.

Q. When His late Highness was last at Chumpapookur was he in a sound State of Mind?

A. At Chumpapokur, H. H. was for 2 or 3 hours together insensible and at times sensible. When H. H. returned to Furah Bagh and went on board the Pinnace to Amanee Gunge, he was Completely insensible.

Q. How many days was H. H. insensible previous to his Death?

A. For 15 days before his death, he was at times insensible, but for 7 or 8 days previous, he was constantly insensible.

Q. At the time H. H. was insensible who had the key of the Jewelry?

A. Sher Ali Jemadar.

Q. By whose advise was the Jewelled Turband broken up?

A. The Jewelled Turband was originally kept in the Behla. H. H. sent for it and Said it was not fit for him to wear, break it up and make something else. By whose advise it was broken I do not know. Before me and Meer Heshen Ali H. H. gave orders to the Jewellers to break it up, saying break this and bring me the Jewels.

Q. At that time who else was in the room with H. H.?

A. Sher Ali Jemadar, Sheanath, Soopun Khawas and 3 Jewellers.

Q. Was Shumshere Jung there or not?

A. He was not there.

Q. Who had charge of the Gold and Silver Articles and others?

A. Busunt Ali Khan, and the Jewels of the Munnee Begum, were with H. H. and the Key Kept by Mahmood and some were kept in the Behla.

Q. Do you know if any of the Nizamut Articles are with Shumsher Jung?

A. As to the Jewels I do not Know But when H. H. was married to Shumsher Jung's Daughter at the time all the Nizamut Gold Mohurs were sent to Shumsher Jung's house, but there was no loss of H. H. Jewels. But before His death he sent for the whole, Munnee Begum's Behla and all others, tied them up in Cloth, and put them in an Almirah, at that time Hegghun Khawas, Sher Ali Jemadar and I were present. At first H. H. tied the Keys to the String of his Trousers. I then told H. H. as there were three Keys he had better put two in the Almirah and tie the Key of it to the String of his Trousers. He replied I will not Keep them, do you take care of these three Keys—He then gave them to me—When H. H. came back from Amanee Gung, H. H. was Completely insensible. On that day Sheanath waked me out of my sleep I went on Board the Pinnace where H. H. was. Sheanath then told me it was H.H.'s orders that all the Jewels should be sent to the Doolhin Begum's. I replied if H. H. and Dewan are present the Almirah can be opened, otherwise I cannot open it, for if anybody should call upon me for an account of them—What answer am I to give Sheanath said Tuckee Khawas is Witness. H. H. gave this order, and Tuckee said H. H. had given the order, but as I had no confidence in these people I did not open it. The following day about 1 O'Clock when H. H. was a little sensible he asked me if the Jewels he had given me were still in my possession. I replied they were. H. H. then said bring them on board the Pinnace. I asked when I should bring them—Let them remain at present when I order you then (illegible) to sleep. When about 3 hours of day remained a Man Waked me and said H. H. called me. I went to H. H. What did you say last night I will not send the Jewels. I replied it is true, I did so, because you gave them in my Charge, and if I did not first speak to your Highness, how could I send them anywhere by the directions of Sheanath. H. H. was on this account very angry with me and took from me the Keys, after which Sheanath took the Jewel Almirah on board the Pinnace. At that time H. H. was quite insensible.

Deposition of Busunt Ali Khan taken 24th Srabon 1221 before F. W. Russell and T. Smith Esquires & Gungadhur & Moteeloll Baboo.

Q. I understand that the Jewels of the Munnee Begum has been broken up?

A. What is the truth I will inform you When H. H. the Nawaub was very unwell, he said he would go to the Carballa, and all the Gold and Silver plate (Basan) you will break up to take with me.

Q. What did the Gold and Silver Amount to?

A. About 60,000 or a Lac of Rupees.

Q. In whose Charge were the Jewels, and who broke them up?

A. Sheanath and two or three Khawases were the persons who broke them up—and the key was kept by Sheanath, The person in Charge of the Tosha Khana is with me, Golam Hyder the Tavildar of Moolchund, Boondeelal Mutsudee—What they said I will acquaint you. In the Kullumdan Khanna Imamoodeen Tavildar Radha Nath Serishtadar Rajkishun Junkeyram and others amounting to 4 or 5 Mohuris 12,000 Rs. was paid in there monthly, and whatever was the expense of that department I will account for.

Q. Do you know anything of Bubboo Begum's Jewels?

A. I do not, But I do of the Munnee Begum's Mr. Monckton delivered all the Munnee Begum's Jewels to H. H. they were first sent to the Behla, and afterwards to Shumsher Jung, and subsequently to the Doolhine Begum. When H. H. was very unwell the Jewels were brought to him, and they were broken up by Sheanath and Silver Smith— a few days H. H. died, he ordered 5 of the Chests back to the Doolhin Begum's—I told H. H. it was then night, that I would send them in the Morning, but H. H. persisted on their being sent there, I, Sheanath and Gassee took them to the Doolhin Begum's.

Q. How many days are past since you took the Jewels to the Begums?

A. About 12 days to this time.

Q. How many days before H. H.'s death, was he so very unwell?

A. 15 days from the time he went to Chumpapookah he was very unwell, and his senses were wandering.

Q. At that time in whose possession was the key of the Jewels?

A. With Busher Ali Khan and Sheanath—Busher opened them and Sheanath broke them up.

Q. Where are the gold and Silver Articles?

A. They were with me. I put them in a Chest and delivered them, in the Mehalsarie of the Doolhine Begum, but the Amount of them is in the Serishta Nizamut, by which you will see the quantity.

Q. Is the Jewelled Turband broke up?

A. I did not see it. But I heard that Sheanath had broke it up. At one time Sheanath gave me 5 Chests of Jewels, and at another three, to carry to the Doolhin Begum's where I delivered them.

Q. What kind of a man is Sheanath?

A. He is a very bad man, and a great Rogue.

Q. Did His Highness give him anything?

A. There is no doubt, but he did.

Q. Tell me who were the persons who gave H. H. such bad advice?

A. Besides Sheanath I know no other—When I spoke myself to H. H. he was angry and called for his Shoes to beat me.

Q. What things are deposited with different people and with whom are they?

A. The Jewels were with Sheanath, and the gold and Silver plates with me including a Cot ; Silver plate to the amount of 40,000 Rupees I broke up. The gold articles are at my house, also the Hookas &ca. on which Mr. Myles put a Seal.

Q. What is the amount of the Hookas and other articles?

A. The Hookas &ca. are about a Lac of Rupees of which there is an account in the Nizamut, and there is a gold Punkah and 2 Chowvies at my house. The whole of the papers relative to the Jewels are with Gunga Ram, and with Roy Huree Singh.

Q. Are there any papers with Junkeyram?

A. No.

Q. Is there any of the Nizamut property with Junkeyram?

A. If anything is found with Junkeyram I will pay 4 times its value for him & will be answerable, Junkeyram had Charge of Cash, and One Lac and 30 thousand Rupees, that were in the Kullumdan Khana he took to the Doolhin Begum, as His Highness gave order for him to do so for the expense.

Q. Is there any property with Shumsher Jung?

A. The Munnee Begum's Jewels were in the Behla from thence they were taken to Shumsher Jung's, and Whatever Cash there was went to him likewise about one Month since 4 Lacs and 23,000, was sent by him to the Doolhine Begum.

Q. How long before H. H.'s death was he insensible, and what day was the full discharge or Faruqh Khutee given to Shumshere Jung?

A. For three days before H. H. died he was quite insensible ; On the day of his death the Faruqh Khutee was given, and on that day the lands which were in the charge of Shumsher Jung also transferred to the Bhow Begum and Doolhin Begum.

Q. What is the Revenue of those lands?

A. About a Lac of Rupees.

Q. What day was His Highness insensible?

A. From the day that the Rajah gave a Bisburee from that time he was quite insensible and in an extreme bad state.

Q. What is a Bisburee?

A. I understand that the Bisburee is snake's poison, besides which other poisons are put on, and such medicines are never given to Men of Rank, but this was given by Rajah Oodwunt Sing to H. H. when H. H. became insensible, after taking this the Rajah took H. H.'s seal and affixed it to several papers before me and after my coming into the Pinnace he was a long time writing—but what, I do not know.

Q. When the Faruqh Khutee was given for 5 Lacs of Rupees was H. H. sensible or insensible?

A. At that time he was quite insensible.

Q. Was anything sent to Sheanath?

A. It is not a little that will be found in his house, and of him the Rajah stands in great awe.

Q. Do you know if Sheanath took anything away?

A. There was one Chest of Jewels of H. H. which Sheanath put his own Seal on and took to the Doolhine Begum's, If he took anything else away, it is not surprizing, for he is a great Rogue.

Q. Are there any Jewels at Shumsher Jungs?

A. There is no doubt of it, you will be able to learn by the papers that are with Gungahram.

Q. Do you know anything of the Bubboo Begum's Jewels, and are any of them with Shumsher Jung?

A. This Roz Ufzoon Khan can inform you.

Q. When H. H. was sick did he give anything to Shumsher Jung?

A. There has been for a long time many lacs of Rupees with Shumsher Jung and when H. H. was extremely unwell, the Rajah gave him a Receipt and Faruqh Khutee. I said much to the Rajah to prevent him doing so until the money was received ; but he would pay no attention to what I said.

Q. In what state was H. H. when these papers were given?

A. Completely insensible.

Q. Who got Faruqh Khutees?

A. One letter to the Most Noble the Governor General One letter to the Agent, exclusive of these the Rajah affixed H. H.'s Seal to a great many papers and gave

them to Sheanath and Shumsher Jung and he put H. H.'s signature to Sheanath and Shumsher Jung's papers.

Q. Who wrote the papers?

A. The Moonshees, and they received a present of 1,000 Rupees, and at the time the papers were sealed and given and they received this present the last prayers were reading to His Highness.

Q. At the breaking up and keeping of the Jewels who was present?

A. Sheanath.

Q. With whom was the key?

A. First with Busher Ali Khan, and afterwards Sheanath Busher Ali Khan frequently forbid Sheanath to break up the Jewels, he replied it was H. H.'s orders. What can I do if any person asks why you did it, What answer will you give.H. H. gave orders what can I do.

Q. The Jewels you took to the Doolhin Begum's who gave you?

A. Before the Rajah Sheanath gave them to me, I then asked the Rajah what are your Instructions You take them to the Dewrie. I did so.

Q. Who broke up the Gold and Silver Articles?

A. The Silver was broke up by Silver and Ironsmiths by directions, but the gold is not broke. The Jewels by Sheanath & Busher Ali Khan about 9,000 Rupees—of Jewels and plate Sheanath gave to me.

Deposition of Zummerood Eunuch.

Q. How long have you been in the service of the Dhooline Begum?

A. One month and a half, I was formerly in the Service of the Munnee Begum.

Q. After the Death of the Munnee Begum in whose Service were you?

A. When Mr. Monckton was here, His Highness sent for me, & Employed me.

Q. Previous to His Highness's Death, the Jewelled Turband was broke up are you aware of the Circumstance?

A. I am not, but I heard of it.

Q. Do you know who was the person who broke it up?

A. I do not ; but I heard from Kishore Ali that he had given the Jewelled Turband and Partallah to Bashire Ali Khan.

Q. Do you know if His Highness broke up any Gold or Silver Article?

A. I do not, but a Patarrah Containing Broken Articles, I received from Bussunt Ali Khan.

Q. When did you receive it?

A. Four or five days after His Highness's return from Chumpahpooker.

Q. How much Cash was sent by His Highness to the Dhoolhine Begum?

A. Seven Lac and 20,000 Rs. Came from the House of Shumsher Jung.

Q. Where did Shumsher Jung get the money?

A. I do not know. 1,40,000 came from the Khullum Dan Khanna and 30,000 from the Khass Tovil.

Q. Who is the Khass Tovildar?

A. Golam Hyder—56,000 (the Stipend of the Dhoolhine Begum) came from Tovils of Boolchund, Boodee Laul, & Golaum Hyder, this was all the Cash that came.

Q. Where did the Begum Keep this Money?

A. In the Godown.

Q. Was it all Kept in one place?

A. No 56,000 was Kept in the Frash Khanna.

Q. Was there anything else in the Frash Khanna?

A. Jewels.

Q. Were there any Seals on the Chests Containing Jewels & Cash?

A. There was.

Q. When I went accompanied by a Gentleman to take off the Seals were you present?

A. I was not ; but, I was present on the night His Highness died, when you put on the Seals—I was not there when you went to take them off, but you sent for me and asked me How Seals became broken. I replied I did not know, as I had not been at the Deurie Since the night the Seals were put—Roz Aufzoon Khan Can tell.

Q. When you went inside did you see the broken Seal?

A. I did not.

Q. After the Seals were taken off and I accompanied His Highness to look at the broken Seal and to remove the property How much money was there in the Furrash Khanna?

A. I do not Know.

Q. You Said there were Seals on the Chests that Contained the property and when I took them off ; were there any Seals on them?

A. There were no Seals, that everybody Saw.

Q. Do you Know who broke the Seals?

A. Begum Sahib.

Q. What Begum Sahib broke them?

A. Dhooline Begum—One day Bushire Ali Khan & Sheaunauth said to me His Highness is unwell, what is the reason the Dhoolhine Begum does not give 1,000 or 2,000 Rs. in Charity, I told the Begum of this and she gave me 1,000 Rupees.

Q. Was any more money besides this Expended by the Begum?

A. The Begum said, behind the Purdah in the presence of Meer Ghalib Ali and Myself she had taken out and Expended 8,000 Rs.

Q. Was anybody lese [else] present at that time?

A. Feeroze and Meer Feerdosh were there, I sent to the Begum to ask her if any Questions were asked about the 8,000 Rs. she had taken from the 56,000 what answer was to be given, the Begum replied "What Concern is that of yours" the money was my own Stipend I have done what I thought best.

Q. When did the Begum tell this?

A. The day the Money was taken away.

Q. On the day His Highness died & I put the Seals on the Frash Khana were there any Seals on the Chests?

A. Whether there were or not, I did not see.

Q. Do you know who broke the Seals?

A. I do not know when the Deponents Deposition was read to him thus far, he said the Begum told him to put such Rupees as were her private Property in the Furrash Khanna & the Chests and Rupees and Cloths were put in the Furrash Khanna.

Q. Where were the Jewels Kept?

A. In the Furrash Khanna.

Q. Were the Jewels the Begum's or were they the Nizamut Jewels?

A. The Nizamut—this Chest was sent by His Highness.

Q. Where did the Jewels and Cash found in the Dhoolhine Begum's Deurie Come from?

A. 4,20,000 Rs. came from Shumsher Jung's 1,40,000 Rs. from the Khullumdaun Khanna, 30,000 Rs. from Golaum Hyder's Tovil as likewise 56,000 Rs.

Q. Where was this money Kept?

A. 56,000 Rs. was Kept in the Frash Khanna in the same place that the Jewels and Gold and Silver Articles were Kept, the Chests Containing them were Sealed—and the remainder in other places.

Q. Was any of this money Expended?

A. I do not know. But the day on which the Agent of the Governor General went to examine the seals I understood from the Dhoolhine Begum that 8,000 Rs. had been Expended.

Q. On the Chest in which the 56,000 Rs. were Kept was there a seal not?

A. There was a seal on it.

Q. Do you know who broke that seal?

A. I do not know.

Deposition of Meer Ghalib 12th Sept. or 14th Zeed Hidge 1236.

Q. How long you been a servant of the Nizamut?

A. Fifty Years.

Q. Do you know whether the Dhoolhine Begum took any Money out of the Chests that were at her Deurie?

A. The Dhoolhine Begum sent a Message by Meer Feeroze to His Highness, that in one of the Chests which were in her Godown there was 56,000 Rs. out of which she had taken 8,000 Rs. I immediately acquainted His Highness and the Agent of the Governor General,—Zummerood Eunuch was present and heard the message who said go and ask the Begum Sahib for what purpose she took this 8,000 Rupees.

Q. What answer did the Begum give to this Message of Zummerood?

A. I was out, and no answer came when I was present, but 3 or 4 hours after, I heard that the Begum sent word own, her own property and she done, what she thought proper.

Q. Were you in attendance on His late Highness before his sickness?

A. I was always in attendance.

Q. Were both the Properties Mixed?

A. When the Property was brought out the Pattarrahs, Chests, & Trays were all mixed.

Q. Do you know which Chests Contained Gold Silver or Jewels?

A. I do not.

Q. Do you know which of the Chests Contained Cash?

A. One Chest was taken out of the Tosha Khanna that Contained Rupees.

Q. Was there a seal on that Chest?

A. There was a seal, but whose it was I do not know.

Q. Do you know of anything that had been taken out of the Chests?

A. On the day that the Chests were taken away the Dhoolhine Begum said aloud, she had taken out 8,000 Rs. from the Chest which Contained her stipends, Meer Zummerood told my Brother Ferooze to ask for what purpose she had Expended the money, the Begum said she had taken it from her Stipend to pay the Khawass's, what had he to do with it.

Q. When the Chests were all sealed how did the Begum take out 8,000 Rupees?

A. The Begum Sahib can tell that.

Q. When the Doors were sealed how Could the Begum get the Money from the inside?

A. I cannot tell.

Q. You was at the Door, how was the lock broke & you not know it?

A. I do not know if the lock was broke before I went or after ; and those doors I took no notice of, as I had no orders to do so.

Q. How many persons were at the Deurie?

A. Myself, Feeroze, Chobdars, Sepoys and others, 3 Nizamut Sepoys 3 Troopers 2 Chobdars and an Amaldar, were at the outer door ; Inside were all the women and 2 Khawasses, 2 . . . . . 4 Bearer women & 4 Bheestee women went in and out.

Q. You do not know who broke the Door?

A. No, If I had I should have immediately given notice ; for as I went to take care of the Property, had I known it I should Certainly have given information.

Deposition of Feeroze Eunuch 12 Sept. 1821 or 14th Zeid Heige 1236.

Q. How long were you in the Begum's Deurie?

A. Two days after the Death of the late Nazim ; I went to the Deurie on Wednesday, previous to which, I was employed in the Waulida Begum's Deurie.

Q. Previous to your going to the Deurie of the Begum what Eunuchs were in attendance?

Q. Were you in attendance on the Begum in her House?

A. No I never was.

Q. Do you know anything about the breaking up of the Turband?

A. No.

Q. What is your Occupation in the Nizamut?

A. I was first employed at 50 per Mensem Subsequently it was reduced to 35/-and the Stable which was in Charge of Amber Ali Khan I was his Naib and am still employed in the same situation.

Deposition of Meeah Feerdoze 12th September 1821 or 14 Zeid Heidge 1236.

Q. How many days have you been at the Dhoolhine Begum's Deurie?

A. On Tuesday His Highness was buried on Wednesday I went to the Deurie of the Dhoolhine Begum.

Q. Under whom do you Serve?

A. Roz Aufzoon Khan.

Q. Did you remain there during the night at the Deurie?

A. I remained at the Deurie night and Day, and Feroze did the same.

Q. Do you know that the Agent's Seal was on the Tosha Khanna of the Dhoolhine Begum?

A. I did not see it myself, but I heard that it was.

Q. When I went Accompanied by a Gentleman to the Deurie were you present?

A. I was.

Q. Did you see whether the Seal on the Door was broken or not?

A. The Door was broken—the Chain was in your hand

Q. Do you know what was in the Tosha Khanna?

A. I do not.

Q. Do you know who broke the Chain of the Door?

A. I do not.

Q. When you were at the Deurie Could the Seal be broken without your knowing it?

A. I had no orders to go to the Rooms that were Sealed or to take care that they were not opened, my orders were only to stay at the Deurie and preventing property being taken out.

Q. Were the Chests in the Tosha Khanna Sealed or not?

A. I did not see.

Q. When the Property was taken out, did you see if the Chests were all Sealed?

A. I saw Seals on all the Chests excepting one, and the Begum's Property and Nizamut property were mixed.

Q. Who are you employed under?

A. Roz Aufzoon Khan.

Q. Do you know that my seal was on the Dhoolhine Begum's Tosha Khanna?

A. I did not see your seal, but I heard of its being on there.

Q. When I went the second time to the Dhoolhine Begum do you know if my seal was broke or not?

A. I do not know whether it was or not, I know when you went there with another Gentleman, you said your Seal was broke.

Q. Do you know what will be the Consequence of taking a false Oath?

A. I will never take a false oath, what is the truth I will tell.

Q. Do you know what things were in the Tosha Khanna?

A. I do not know.

Q. Do you know that there was Gold & Silver in the Tosha Khanna?

A. On the day that it was taken out of the Tosha Khanna I became acquainted, that there was Gold Silver & Jewels there.

Q. Did you not previously know that there was Gold & Silver there?

A. When I first went I knew that there was Property of the Nizamut in the House, and that I was sent on the part of His Highness and the Agent of the Governor General to take care of it, I was in attendance in the Deurie, but never went near the Tosha Khanna. I went of a Morning to make my Selaum to the Begum Sahib and returned to the Deurie, but never went near the Tosha Khanna.

Q. When the things were taken out of the Tosha Khanna were the Chests Sealed or not?

A. On one Chest there was no Seal.

Q. What was in the Chest on which there was no Seal?

A. I saw that the Chest required 20 Bearers to take it away and was very heavy. Some of the People who came from the Begum Sahib's Bungalow said, that in this Chest was the Begum Sahib's Salary in Cash, at which time I asked Meer Zummerood what was in the Chest he replied it is the Begum Sahib's Stipend and the Begum Sahib told me she had taken 8,000 Rs. from it, I repeated this to Zummerood—he told me to go to the Begum Sahib and ask her if any Question was put to me relative to the 8,000 Rs., what answer I was to give.

Q. What answer did the Begum give?

A. This is my Stipend and was given me by my Husband and I have a right to do what I please with it.

Q. When did the Begum Sahib take this Money?

A. I do not know.

Q. Did the Begum say she had broken the Seal?

A. Not before me, I asked Bussunt Ali Khan whether there had or not been a seal on that Chest, he replied if there was or not—Meer Zummerood put on the seals ask him, I asked Meer Zummerood & he said there was a seal on the Chest.

Q. Do you know who broke my seal?

A. I do not.

Q. After the Death of His late Highness how many Eunuchs were at the Deurie of the Dhoolhine Begum?

A. I first went alone, but I did not go inside after which myself & Meer Feerdoze went; at that time Zummerood was there.

Q. Was any one else there?

A. Chobdars and others were there.

Q. How many People were there?

A. 8 Hirkaraus, 12 or 14 Chobdars and Sotaburdars and one Nazir exclusive of which there were Bearers, Sepoys and the people of the Bendah Khanna.

Q. How many women were there?

A. A Great many, more than 40, 50, or 100, but I cannot tell exactly.

2nd.

Q. When you went to the Dhoolhine Begum's did you observe whether the places where the Jewels & Cash was Kept were sealed?

A. I did not take notice.

Q. Do you know if any Cash was taken out of the Rooms that were Locked & Sealed up?

A. I understood from the Dhoolhine Begum that she had taken out 8,000 Rupees.

Q. The Chest and Doors were sealed How could the Money be taken out?

A. I asked Bussunt Ali Khan when the Chests were sealed how could the Money be taken out, he replied he did know, but the Eunuch Zummerood must know who broke the seal, I do not know; I then asked Zummerood—he said there was a seal on the Chest, but who broke it I do not know.

Q. Are you acquainted with anything else on this subject?

A. I am not.

Deposition of Roz Aufzoon Khan 18th September 1821 or 20 Zeid Heedge 1236.

Q. Did you see the Agent's Seal that was on the Dhoolhine Begum's Apartments that had been broken?

A. The two days that you went there I saw the seal had been broken, that was the 16th Zeid Heidge.

Q. What day were you sent by His Highness to the Dhoolhine Begum's Deurie?

A. About the 4th hour of the night on which His late Highness died, His present Highness Nawaub Syed Ahmed Ali Khan Bahadoor, sent for me and told me to go to the Dhoolhine Begum's Deurie, and remain there after 12 O'Clock Yourself, His Highness, Dr. Smith and the Nizamut Dewan went to the Deurie. Mr. Myles Meer Feerdoze, Meer Feeroze and Meer Baboo were there. Those places which Meer Zummerood pointed out were sealed, After three O'Clock you went away and I went home.

Q. What directions did you give about the Doors?

A. On Tuesday evening I sent of my Herkarraus to the Dhoolhine Begum's Deurie, Meer Zummerood sent word to Bussunt Ali Khan who ordered my people away on Wednesday Morning, I acquainted His Highness; His Highness gave his orders to Rajah Oodunt Sing who directed, so long as Bussunt Ali Khan was under arrest that no person was to go to the Deurie without acquainting Roz Aufzoon Khan, on the night of His Highness's Death, the Sepoy Guard was Changed. I sent additional sentries to the back of the Begum's House. The Person who informed Bussunt Ali Khan was not the Nazir of the Deurie but the Meerdah of Chobdars.

Q. Tell me the names of the Hirkarras you sent?

A. One of their names was Bolakee I gave direction for one man to remain until 12 O'Clock--and another to relieve him and stay till day-break, but the first having been sent away the others did not go.

Q. What day were Feerdoze and Feeroze put in Charge?

A. On the night His late Highness died Feerdoze was sent to the Deurie; Feeroze was sent on Wednesday.

Q. Feerdoze must know who broke the Agents Seal?

A. The Custom is when 5 hours of the night are past the Dhoolhine Begum's Doors are Shut. After that the slave Girls and Asseds cannot go in and out this was directed After His Highness's Death.

Q. If my seal was broke in the night It must have been known to in the Morning?

A. I do not know; if any Person was aware of the Transaction I cannot say. The day my Herkarra was sent away the following Morning was Thursday and I sent Moonshee Auckmuhl to acquaint you with the Circumstance, I heard you had the Toothache and was otherwise unwell, I therefore do not know if you received my message or not as the Moonshee informed me you was unwell.

Q. Do you know if any Money was taken out of the Chests?

A. One day the Dhoolhine Begum told me after the Chests &ca. were taken away, that of 56,000 Rupees her Stipend 48,000 was sent by Bussunt Ali Khan in a Chest and 8,000 Rs. came separate in a Chest. I replied I did not know where the 48,000 Rs. was or where the 8,000 Rs. was, When you delivered his Lordship's Letter of Condolence, the Begum Sahib requested you to take all the Cash, Jewels &ca. away and she would write you a Letter to the Effect, when the letter was written (I afterwards heard) that the Begum said she had not written the Letter, Mullukoon Nissa Attoo read that Letter to the Begum I was present at the time on the 15th Zeid Heedze the Begum wrote to you that Letter I sealed it before the Begum's Mother (Lootfun Nissa Begum) & Sahib Zadee Begum and Mullukon Nissa Attoo was also there. It is 10 Months since the Waulida Begum died all the property is sealed. The slave Girls all stay there and nothing had been complained of relative to the property or seals. If it has occurred in the Dhoolhine Begum's Deurie. If the Head of the Deurie Conducts herself in this Manner what can I do.

Q. Do you know any nothing of the Breaking of the seal?

A. No, If I had I should have acquainted both Yourself and His Highness.

Q. When the Begum Sahib's Door were shut could anything be taken out?

A. No, His Highness's Guard was there.

Q. Was there a Gold Bedstead near the Door?

A. To the northward there was a Cott, and by the Door a Musnud where half the seal was broken, there was a small Cott on which the Begum Sahib Slept; by the Door where the Chain was broke there was a Silver Cott which was the Musnud on which the Begum usually sat.

Q. Is it customary for people of Rank to stay in such small Rooms?

A. In the lower part of the House the Begum and Khawass all staid as well as His late Highness's Eldest daughter, the inner Room is the Tosha Khanna.

Q. Was that Room always the Tosha Khanna?

A. Yes, while this business remains unsettled between His Highness & the Begum Sahib I do not like to go to the Deurie.

Q. When you received orders from His Highness to go to the Dhoolhine Begum's Deurie was Meer Zummerood there?

A. Yes.

Q. On what day was Zummerood sent from the Deurie?

A. I do not recollect, but I believe about 3 or 4 days after I went, he remained with Her Highness.

Deposition of Moonshee Auckmuhl 18th Sept. 1821 or 20th Zeid Heedge 1236.

Q. The day His late Highness was buried did Roz Aufzoon Khan send you with any message to me?

A. Yes.

Q. What message did he send?

A. That the Hirkarra he had sent to the Dhoolhine Begum's Deurie had been sent away from thence by Zummerood and Chobdar the Creature of Bussunt Ali Khan; when His Highness heard this he directed the former attendants of the Deurie to be exchanged this is what Roz Aufzoon Khan told me to acquaint the Agent.

Q. Did you meet with me to deliver this Message?

A. Yes.

Q. What did you tell Roz Aufzoon Khan?

A. That I made the Agent acquainted with his message.

Deposition of Bolaakee Hirkarra 21st Sept. 1821 or 23 Zeed Heedge 1236.

Q. Whose Servant are you?
A. The Nawaub Begum's.

Q. Under whose orders are you?
A. Roz Aufzoon Khan.

Q. The evening His Highness died where were you?
A. At the Deurie of the Nawaub Begum.

Q. Were you all night at the Deurie?
A. Yes On the Day His Highness was buried Tuesday in the evening Roop Chund Jumadar sent me to the Dhoolhine Begum's Deurie.

Q. What orders did he give you?
A. He directed me to stay at the Deurie and give information who went there.

Q. How long did you Stay?
A. For four Hours when Futtee Mahamed told me to go it was Bussunt Ali Khan's orders. I came away and informed Roz Aufzoon Khan and my Jummadar and went home.

Q. Did the Jummadar give you no other orders?
A. No I heard my report but said nothing.

Deposition of Nazir Futtee Mahamed 26th September 1821 or 28 Zeid Heidge 1236.

Q. What is your employ in the Nizamut?

A. I am Nazir of the Chobdars and Sootaburdars and stationed at the Deuries of the Dhoolhine & Bow Begum.

Q. Where were you on the night His Highness died?
A. At the Deurie.

Q. Where were you the following night?
A. At both Deuries.

Q. The night following His Highness's Death did anybody come from Roz Aufzoon Khan to the Dhoolhine Begum?
A. The third day after His Highness's Death (Wednesday) at 2 Hours of night the Jummadar of Roz Aufzoon Khan came the Jummadar told Meer Zummerood to give him an account of the Deurie from that day, to Roz Aufzoon Khan, who replied very well I told Zummerood the Nazir of this Deurie is Bussunt Ali & Why did you say very well? Go and give Bussunt Ali Khan information I also went and told Bussunt Ali Khan he told me not to send any person to Roz Aufzoon Khan.

Q. What is the Jumadar's name?
A. I do not know, but he was a Hindoo.

Q. Did any Hirkarras come?
A. Two Hours after an Hirkarra (an old man) came, I asked him for what he came, He replied that he was directed by Roz Aufzoon Khan to stay at the Deurie, at that time a Khedmutghar came from Bussunt Ali Khan for his Dinner, I told him to tell Bussunt Ali Khan, that an Hirkarra of Roz Aufzoon Khan had come to stay at the Deurie, Bussunt, the Khedmutghar came back and told me that Bussunt Ali Khan wanted me, I went and he asked me who was come, I replied an old Hirkarra had been sent by Roz Aufzoon Khan to stay at the Deurie Bussunt Ali Khan said, that there was a Guard of Sepoys and Troopers of what use was an Hirkarra, tell him to go, I returned and told the Hirkarra, it was Bussunt Ali Khan's orders for him to go and not to stay at the Deurie.

Q. Did the Hirkara go?
A. Yes directly.

Q. You said he came on the night of Wednesday, The night before or the night of that day?
A. The night of that day.

Q. Recollect and tell me for certain?
A. I recollect, it was the night of Wednesday, because Thursday was one of the Fattias of the late Highness—and Meer Feeroze and Meer Feerdoze came to the Deurie.

Deposition of Gunga Ram Mohureer 12th Sept. 1821 or 14th Zilheige 1236.

Q. What is your Employment?
A. I am a Mohureer, I was always in attendance upon His late Highness and at the Deurie of the Dhoolhine Begum employed in writing.

Q. Who keeps the Receipts?
A. I wrote one day 5 Receipts for 5 Chests of Jewels & gave them to Bussunt Ali Khan.

Q. Where are those receipts?
A. They are not with me, but either Sheanauth or Sheir Ali Jummadar has them.

Q. What did you write in those receipts?
A. One day I wrote a Receipt for 5 Chests of Jewels Sealed on another day for 5 More Chests of Jewels also Sealed and on another day for one Chest of Jewels also sealed and for a Tray bearing the seal of Sheanauth, On another day for some Gold and Silver Articles and a Small Box of Jewels. I wrote in the Receipts, that they were the Gift of His Highness and the Dhoolhine Begum's seal was put to them—All these Receipts are with Sheanauth.

Q. Who did you give the receipts to?
A. I wrote the receipts and gave them to Bussunt Ali Khan and they were given to those from whose Tovil the things come.

Q. Who was the Person who gave the receipts and to whom were they to be given?
A. I wrote the Receipts to which the Begum's seal was affixed I gave them to Bussunt Ali Khan ; I did not give them to the Tovildars and one receipt for the Tray & Chest is with Meer Zummerood, he did not give to any person.

Q. To whom did you give the receipt for cash?
A. I wrote the Receipts for the Cash.

Q. For what sum did you write Receipts?
A. On the 16th and 17th Shaboon (30th or 31st July) on the 16th 1,20,000 Rs. this I will explain—I wrote another Receipt for 4,23,660 0-11 to which the Begum's seal was affixed and gave it to Bussunt Ali Khan and he gave it to Nawaub Shumsher Jung, and he again returned it to Bussunt Ali Khan, telling him to write his name and Zummerood was witness to it. I do not know if he again gave it to Shumsher Jung—When I counted the money it was 3,000 Rs. short, two Receipts I wrote on board the Pinnace to the Begum's seal. Shumsher

Jung and Bussunt Ali Khan wrote the Copy for the Receipts, I wrote them fair and gave them to Bussunt Ali Khan to which he affixed the seal of the Dhoolhine Begum.

Q. Do you know who this receipt was given to?

A. It was given to Shumsher Jung.

Q. What were these Receipts given for?

A. The Copies are with me I will, bring them, they are for Bonds, for the Property in the hands of Juggut Seit, Seit Dokul Chund & Seet Bussund Chund ; On the 15th Shaboon 1,40,000 came to the Deurie from the Khullumdan Khanna.

Q. Who took the 1,40,000 Rs. to the Deurie?

A. Junkeeram Mohureer and Rampersaud Khazanchee who examines the Rupees.

Q. Who wrote the receipts for the money?

A. The Receipts were written by the Mohurrers and they also wrote the order for giving it which Bussunt Ali Khan took to His Highness, got it Signed and gave it to Jankeeram Bussunt Ali Khan got the order Signed and affixed the Begum's seal to the Receipts.

Q. To whose Charge was the money given?

A. They were taken inside the Deurie, on another occasion a Receipt for 34,000 Rs. but only thirty thousand went inside the Deurie.

Q. How was this Receipt written?

A. The order for this money Bussunt Ali Khan got Signed by His Highness and he put the Begum's seal on the Receipt and said when the Cloth is sold I will give 4,000 Rupees 56,000 Rs. of the Khass Tovil was also taken to the Deurie for which no receipt was given the Begum's Stipend used to Accumulate in the Khass Tovil and whatever expence she required she drew from thence and this 56,000 Rupees was the Balance remaining.

Q. Was any receipt given for the money?

A. No orders were given for receipts for this money.

Q. In what Department are you Mohureer?

A. I am the Mohureer of the Privy Purse and Khullum Daun Khanna and in attendance at the Deurie of the Dhoolhine Begum.

Q. By whose orders was this money sent?

A. Bussunt Ali Khan came and took the money and Conveyed it to the Deurie.

Q. Have you a list of the Jewels?

A. The list of the Jewels that were in the Tovil of Sheer Ali Jummadar is with me. But the Jewel lately sent I have no list of, and some Jewels are in Trays these were in the Tovil of Hingun, their list is with me, the Chests of Jewels always remained with His Highness ; there were no orders to open them when His Highness went on a Journey he sealed them and sent them to the Dhoolhine Begum's Deurie.

Q. Have you the list of any other Jewels?

A. A List of the Dhoolhine Begum's Jewels were written, It is with Boolchund and Cassinauth the Mushriefs of the Jewel room.

Q. Where is the list of the Bhow Begum?

A. Some of the Bow Begum's Jewels were sent to Furrauqh Baugh by Meer Haabar and by him was again sent to the Begum Sahib.

Q. Have you any lists of the Munnee Begum's Jewels?

A. In the Papers of 1223 which I will bring, there is some account.

Q. Have you any list of Property?

A. No.

Q. Have you any account of Nusseer Ood Deen Hyder's Gold and Silver Plate, or do you know anything of it, was any sent to the Khass Tovil or Seib Khass.

A. I do not know.

Q. Are you acquainted with His Highness's having broken up the Jewel Turband?

A. No.

Q. Do you, or, do you not know anything of that occurrence?

A. I did not go inside Bushire Ali Khan and the Khawas's were always in attendance.

Q. When the Turband was broken up with the Nizamut Dewan in attendance and did he see what was going on?

A. The Dewan was in attendance, but whether he saw the Turband breaking up or not I do not know.

Q. Do you know if the Dewan received information that the Turband was being broken up?

A. I do not know.

Q. Do you know out of what Chest the Dhoolhine Begum took the 8,000 Rupees?

A. I do not know.

Q. You are the Begum Sahib's Mohureer?

A. I do the writing of the Begum Sahib & what money goes in I am acquainted with, but what goes out I do not know.

Q. What goes out you do not know?

A. I do not know.

Q. Have you heard that the Begum had taken any Rupees?

A. Meer Feeroze one day told me that the Begum had taken out 8,000 Rupees.

Q. Do you know who the ployed [people?] employed to take it out of the Chest?

A. I do not.

Q. How long have you been in attendance at the Begum's Deurie?

A. From the Year 1221.

Q. Are you Sure that the 36,000 Rs. was sent from the Privy Purse to the Deurie?

A. I am sure of it, but no receipt was given.

Q. Did any Gold or Silver Plate or Cash go to the House of Shumsher Jung from His Highness?

A. I do not know.

Q. Did anything go from the Privy Purse?

A. Eight thousand Rupees came from the House of Shumsher Jung by Moobullah and was again taken back by him, this took place 5 Years ago.

Q. Do you know if any money went to the House of Rajah Oodwunt Singh?

A. I do not know.

Q. Did the Begum give any money to her Servants?

A. I do not know, but about 12 or 13 days ago, 700 Rs. was taken out by Meer Zummerood.

Q. When the Begum sent Meer Jahan to Calcutta did she give him any money?

A. I do not know.

Q. Who does the Begum's Tovil remain with inside?

A. Furrungah a Khawass takes Care of some Cash.

Q. Have you a list for the Begum's Servants?

A. I have a list of the Servants and Khawass's and will bring it.

Q. Have you any list of the Munnee Begum's Gold & Silver Plate?

A. No it is with Boolchund.

Q. Have you a list of the Bubboo Begum's?

A. No that is also with Boolchund.

Q. Do you know if any of the Nizamut Gold and Silver Plate was broken up?

A. When I went one day I saw Assaars, Sootars and a Silver Chain breaking up ; and another, Gold Plate Pawndaun's &ca. which the Darogah of the Khass Tovil Meer Itabaar and Bustee Laul Conveyed to the Deurie of the Bhow Begum.

Q. Where did these Gold Articles belong to?

A. To the Munnee Begums Mehal.

Q. How many days previous to His Highness's death was this sent?

A. The Receipt is with Boolchund which will explain ; the time it went with the Gold some Jewels Called Chumpah Kheelee &ca. and 4,000 Rupees the Begum's Stipend for Bysack and Jyte the order which was signed by His Highness two days previous to his Death was sent from the Kullum Daun Khannah to the Bow Begum's Deurie the order was dated 1218 this 1228 and it was Joyte and Bysack this Year that the Money was paid it was received by Bustee Laul.

Q. Do you know of anything else that went?

A. Eight or ten days before His Highness's Death a Gold looking Glass, a Chain, one pair of Gold Bracelets and 3 Armlets, went from the Kullum Daun Khaun under Charge of Bussunt Ali Khan and Immamoodeen to His Highness out of which the Gold Glass was sent to the Bhow Begum's Deurie by Meer Habaar the remainder was kept by His Highness.

Q. Were any other articles sent away?

A. Some Gold and Silver Plates was sent from the Tovil Khass to His Highness and from thence to the Dhoolhine Begum's.

Q. What Quantity?

A. The account is with Boolchund.

Q. Do you know what became of the Jewels His Highness took from the Turband?

A. I do not ; but I heard from Bunsee Jeweller that His Highness Kept them in a small Box.

Q. Do you know what became of the which His Highness had on his neck at the time of his Death?

A. I do not.

Q. Do you know if His Highness broke anything besides the Turband?

A. I do not ; the Jewellers were daily in attendance ; I heard a new necklace was made.

Q. Do you know if anything went to Sheanauth's House?

A. I do not.

Declaration of Dewan Motee Lall Dated Second of Bhadoon.

States, that by the orders of the Agent to the Governor General he went to the Deurie of the Dhoolhine Begum in Company with Gungah Dhur Roy, Bussunt Ali Khan, Gungah Ram (the Begum's Mohureer) Feeroze and Zummerood Eunuchs to take an account of the money sent to the Deurie of the Dhoolhine Begum by Shumsher Jung and Bussunt Ali Khan, and found that 6,53,360-11 had been received that he counted in bags 5,90,000 Rs. and in one Chest 48,000 Rupees and that 15,360-11 was deficient according to the account of Gungaram Mohureer. That he enquired of Bussunt Ali Khan, who replied that he knew thing about it, after which Zummerood & Feeroze said, that the Begum Sahib told them that she had taken out 8,000 Rupees that 4,000 Rs. was due from Bussunt Ail Khan, and that when Shumsher Jung Sent the money 3,360-11 were deficient.

Declaration of Baboo Ganga Dhur Roy, Acting Naib Dewan.

States, that the Agent went on the 2d Bhadoon to the Deurie of the Dhoolhine Begum, and that he received orders from His Highness the Nawaub Nazim to attend the Agent for the purpose of seeing the money Counted and sent to the palace, that 5,90,000 Rs. was taken in bags from the Western apartment, that there was a Chest in the Tosha Khanna that when Counted was found to Contain 48,000 Rs. that he understood from Meer Zummerood and Meer Feeroze that it did contain 56,000 Rupees the Begum's Stipend, but that the Begum had taken 80,000 Rs. out of it.

Dated the 9th Aughun 1228 Bengal Style.

Declaration of Mr. C. W. Myles uncovenanted Assistant to the Officiating Agent of the Governor General 20th August 1821.

I Charles William Myles, do hereby declare that I attended F.W. Russell the Agent of the Most Noble the Governor General to the Deurie of Her Highness the Dhoolhine Begum on the night of the 6 of August last, when the seals were put on the Nizamut Property, and do hereby further declare, that in the presence of and by the directions of the Agent I affixed the seal of the Agency on the Doors of the Tosha Khanna, and that the Several Chests, Boxes, Pattarahs and Cooking utensils said to Contain Cash, plate, and Jewels, were each of them previously Sealed with seals of different persons attached to the Nizamut which seals were still on them at the time of sealing the Doors.

Witnesses
R. Thomas,
Golaum Runjutton.

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose Copy of a Letter from the Acting Persian Secretary addressed to Mr. F. Magniac and to Request the favor of your affording such Assistance as may be in your power to enable me to meet the Orders of Government.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 8th Novr. 1822.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

Enclosure No. 1.

F. Magniac Esqr.,
In charge of the Office of Agent to the Governor General, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—With reference to Mr. Russells letter dated 20th February last forwarding statements of the Nizamut Deposit Fund it appearing that the first step towards rectifying the errors therein noticed in the Collectors accounts must be to obtain from the Mint Master a Statement of the produce of Mr. Monckton's remittance of old Rupees for recoinage in 1817 being the reserved portion of the Munny Begum's treasure I was directed to make application accordingly for information on the subject.

2d. I am now desired to transmit to you the annexed Copies of a Letter and statement received from the Mint Master and to direct that you will proceed immediately in concert with the Collector of Moorshedabad to rectify the Errors above adverted to.

3d. I am farther instructed to take this opportunity of expressing the anxious desire of Government to receive with the least farther delay practicable the Nizamut Accounts for 1226, 1227 and 1228.—I have etc.

Fort William, the 4th October 1822.

A. Stirling,
Ag. Persian Secrety. to Govt.

Enclosure No. 2.

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Acting Persian Secretary to Govt.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit the Statement required by your letter of the 20th Instant.—I have etc.

Calcutta Mint, the 30th Septr. 1822.

J. M. Macnabb,
Master.

Enclosure No. 3

Statement of the produce of old Rupees of sorts received into the Calcutta Mint for recoinage on account of the Estate of the Late Munny Begum in July 1817

Mint Reg. No	Description of Rupees	Rate of Assay	Tale	Sa Wt.	Assayed produce in Sa. Rs.
371	Arcot Rupees	2 Br.	5,484- 0- 0	5,364-14- 0	5,047- 9- 6
378	,, Old unmelted 11 Sun Rs.	13 do.	21,250- 0- 0	20,993-14- 0	20,993-14- 0
379	,, do do 12 do	13 do	11,250- 0- 0	11,135 14- 0	11,135-14- 0
380	,, do. Dacca do.	10 do.	8,830- 0- 0	8,835- 8- 0	8,629- 3- 1
381	,, do Sobake Sonaut Rupees	7½ do.	4,145- 0- 0	4,117- 2- 0	3,975- 7- 3
382	,, do. Patna do	9½ do.	11,695- 0- 0	11,571- 8- 0	11,276- 1- 3
386	2 do Sun do.	13 do	7,525- 0- 0	7,511- 4- 0	7,511- 4- 0
387	1 do. do.	13 do.	2,670- 0- 0	2,660-12- 0	2,660-12- 0
394	3 do. do	13 do.	15,350- 0- 0	15,331-10- 0	15,331-10- 0
395	4 do. do.	13 do.	7,040- 0- 0	7,023- 2- 0	7,023- 2- 0
396	5 do. do.	13 do.	13,250- 0- 0	13,216-14- 0	13,216-14- 0
397	6 do. do	13 do.	9,825- 0- 0	9,801- 8- 0	9,801- 8- 0
398	15 do. do.	13 do.	9,370- 0- 0	9,276- 2- 0	9,276- 2- 0
399	19 do. do.	13 do.	23,303- 0- 0	23,155- 0- 0	23,155- 0- 0
400	Damaged do.	13 do.	1,008- 0- 0	995- 4- 0	995- 4- 0
401	do. do.	12 Rs.	1,014- 0- 0	1,002-12- 0	994- 0- 5
			1,53,009- 0- 0	1,51,993- 0- 0	1,51,023- 9- 6
			Deduct duly at 2 p.ct. . .		3,020- 7- 7
			Net produce Sa. Rs. .		1,48,003- 1-11

Errors Excepted.

Calcutta Mint, the 30th Septr. 1822.

J. M. Macnabb,
Master.

N.B.—(191)—Copper and Meeckey Rs. found in the remittance are deposited in the Mint Weighing Sa. Wt. 156-14-0.

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Colonel J. Parlby,
Engineers, Berhampore.

Sir,—I have received the commands of the Most Noble the Govr. Genl. in Council to place the Doolhine Begum in the situation held by the late Walida Begum with the least practicable delay and it is much to be wished upon the Begums Installation that Her Highness be put in possession of the New appointments.

2nd. Understanding that they are in a state of forwardness to admit of Her Highness doing so, should any survey be requisite do me the favor to make the necessary arrangements as early as possible that Her Highness may on her accession to the Jynasheen ten days hence such as are fit for Her reception.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 13th Novr. 1822.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

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J. Ahmuty Esqr.,
Senior Judge of the Court of Appeal & Circuit,
Dacca.

Sir,—The Most Noble the Govr. Genl. in Council having deemed it Expedient to direct that Nawaub Meer Mehndee an uncle of H. H. the Nazim of Bengal should reside at Dacca during the pleasure of Government I have the honor to inform you that the Nawaub has proceeded on his Journey.

2d. On the Nawabs arrival at Dacca and so long as he conducts himself with propriety you will be good enough to treat him with that consideration he is entitled to from his relationship to the Nazim.

3d. With respect to the Payment of Meer Mehndee's stipend at Dacca I shall hereafter have the honor to address you I have now only to request that you will afford him your Aid in procuring a House suitable for his reception.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 16th Novr. 1822.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[776]

J. Ahmuty Esqr.,
Senior Judge of the Court of Appl. & Circuit,
Dacca.

Sir,—This will announce to you the arrival of H. H. the Nazim of Bengal's uncle Nawaub Meer Mehndee respecting whom I had the honor of addressing you by Dawk—you will be good enough to pay him those attentions to which from his near relationship to the Nazim he is entitled to so long as, he conducts himself with propriety.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 16th Novr. 1822.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[777]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I had the honor to address you on the 8th Instant transmitting Copy of a Letter and enclosures from the Acting Persian Secretary and requesting your Aid to enable me to meet the Orders of Government relative to the Nizamut Accounts.

These Orders being very urgent and the only obstacle to my immediate compliance being this want of a corrected statement of the Fund in Deposit in your Treasury—I have to request the favor of your furnishing me that Document at your earliest convenience.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 20th Novr. 1822.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[778]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22d Instant transmitting one to the address of the Nawaub Nazim relative to the 57,000 Rs. directed to be paid to H. H. on Account of the Lands transferred to the British Government for the public use.

As this is the total amount of the purchase made by Government and the question relative to the payment of 30,000 Rs. for the purchase of Land—near the Killa is still undecided to avoid any misconception on the part of the Nazim I beg to return your letter to H. H. transmitted to me on the 7th current.—I have etc.

Agent Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 25th Novr. 1822.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[779]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th Inst. In reply to which I beg to observe that you appear to have totally misunderstood my address of the 25th.

Your letter of the 22nd Instant giving cover to one to the address of the Nawaub Nazim relative to the payment of the 57,000 Rs. I acknowledged the receipt of. The enclosure was forwarded to His Highness and that of the 7th for the payment of 30,000 Rs. returned to you which will observe on reference to my letter to prevent the [Nazim] (torn) (which it is more than probable would have been the Case) that he was to receive both sums, you will of course pay the 57,000 Rs. to H. H. receipt.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 30th Novr. 1822.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[780]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to enclose to you a letter from His Highness the Nawaub Nazim in reply to your enclosure of the 22nd Ulto. to inform you that His Highness's Vakeel Hafiz Gholam Mooktiddar will call for the purchase Money of the land Vizt. 57,000 Rs. as directed by the Board of Revenue I therefore request the favor of your paying the amount to the abovementioned Vakeel on his producing the receipt of His Highness's Treasurer Illye Buksh.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshed.,
the 3rd Decr. 1822.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[781]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th Inst. relative to the Balance due from the Nizamut to your Treasury Amounting to Sicca Rupees 4,948-15-3½ for which you will be pleased to take credit in the disbursements of the Deposit Fund.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 6th Dec. 1822.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[782]

The Revd. M. W. Eales,
&ca. &ca. &ca., Berhampore.

Sir,—Molavee Obudulla this guardian of the late Nawaub Nussurooddeen Hyder has stated that this amount Erect of a House at Berhampore (Occupied by Captain Raban & the property of the late Nawaub) from the month of March 1821 to November 1822 both inclusive Sicca Rupees one thousand and Fifty is held in deposit by you.

2d. There being many claims on the Estate of Nusseeroodeen Hyder do me the favor should the Molavees Statement be correct to send the money to this office for which a receipt will be granted.—I am etc.

Agent Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 12th Decr. 1822.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[783]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zilla Moorshedabad.

Sir,—The late acting agent placed in your Treasury on the 19th September 1821—Sicca Rupees Twenty three Thousand nine hundred and Eighty seven to be held in deposit on accounts of the members and dependants of the family of Nawaub Soulut Jung.

2nd. As several of the parties who have claims on this amount have arranged their differences, I have to request the favor of your paying on account of

Bunnee Begum .	Sa. Rs.	6,191- 5- 0
Hossam Jung .		4,183- 5- 0
Kyroonissa Begum		1,255- 0- 0
Meer Mohomed Ally		309- 6- 0
Making a Total of	Sa. Rs.	11,939- 0- 0

to the receipt of Baboo Moorut Narain the Dewan of Nawab Soulut Jung.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 16th Decr. 1822.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[784]

Captain T. A. Raban,
Commanding Detachment 2d Battn. 10 N.I., Dacca.

Sir,—Molavee Obedulla Guardian of the late Nawaub Nusseerudeen Hyder has stated that the Rent of the Nawaub Houses at Berhampore Occupied by you is in arrears from March 1821 until November 1822, both months inclusive and amounts to Sa. Rs. 1,050.

The late Nawaub died much involved and a settlement with his creditors is about to be effected I have therefore to request the favor of you either to send me an order or to direct the amount to be paid into this office for which a receipt will be granted.—I have etc.

Agent Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 18th Decr. 1822.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[785]

Lieutt. Coll. Parlby,
Engineers, Berhampore.

Sir,—It is now upwards of a month since I had the honor to address you relative to the orders of Government for placing the Doolhine Begum on the Jyneesheen Musnud of the Deorhie and Her Highness desire to take possession of the new apartments constructed under your inspection & I have received no information from you respecting the survey.

2d. Several circumstances connected with the Nizamut render it impracticable I am sorry to say to delay any longer carrying the orders into effect, & I propose on Thursday next the 19th Instant—putting the Doolhine Begum on the Musnud of the late Walidá Begum giving possession of the New apartments.

3d. If you can before that date arrange for a Committee of Survey here in anticipation of the orders from Head Quarters, it will be advisable—if not the survey can take place Subsequently—& the Begum and her attendants can during it, retire to the old building (Baradaree) in the Square.—I have etc.

Agent Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 24th Decr. 1822.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[786]

Lieutt. Coll. Parlby,
Engineers, Berhampore.

Sir,—With reference to my letter of the 14th Instant—I beg to inform you that having received no reply I allowed Her Highness the Begum to take possession of the apartment Erected under your Inspection on the 19th.

Previously to Her Highness Occupying the Deorhee I examined the Building indeed I had frequent opportunities during the progress of the work to see & examine the materials &ca. and as far as I could Judge the masonry and finishing of the whole was substantial and well executed in every respect.—I am etc.

Agent Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 24th Decr. 1822.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[787]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st Instant, and in Compliance with your request sent for Kishore Ali ; to whom I put the few brief Questions and enclose his replies signed by himself, by which you will perceive that the removal of any part of the Treasure was impossible, as from the Time it is put on the cart, it is under the immediate charge of the Sepoys, until delivered in the City, whether it goes direct from your Cutchery & not round by Cossembazar.—I am etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 3d Jany. 1823.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[788]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In reply to yours of the 2nd I beg to inform you that I have referred to the accounts of the Naib Dewan Roy Gunga Dhur by which appears the Nizamut Stipend for October was paid on the 17th of Kaurtic 1226—and I have not the means to refer to the correspondenting date in English.—I am etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 4th Jany. 1823.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[789]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a letter to your address from Ashrufoonissa Begum who receives a stipend of 800 Rs. from your Treasury.

2d. The Begum has requested me to acquaint you with her having appointed Doorgapershad her Moocktarkaar who were [*sic*] in future present her receipt for payment instead of Gopeynauth who has hitherto received her stipend.—I am etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 9th Jany. 1823.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[790]

The President and Members of the Committee for the Improvement of the City of Moorshedabad.

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to enclose a Durkaust with abstract Translation from the Inhabitants of Mogul Tollee relative to the Injury done to the Poostahs in that part of City.

2d. I hope it will be within the Means of the Committee to afford the relief which is required & which seems so absolutely necessary—but if not I request the favor of your letting me know as soon as possible that I may submit the case for the consideration of Government.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 10th Jany. 1823.

M. Ricketts.

Enclosure

Durkhaust from the Inhabitants of Mogul Tolee, to the Governor Generals Agent at Moorshedabad dated.

"The embankment at Mogul Tolee was erected in former times of Pucka Masonry, and was further repaired and strengthened by the Nawabs Mahabut Jung & Shahamut Jung, for the safety of the city, and has remained to the present year in good repair, much to the convenience of the Inhabitants now addressing you,—But the last rise of the River by sapping the foundation of the Embankment, has sunk it about 100 yards, and precipitated a good many habitations into the River. We have suffered greatly in consequence of this accident, and are desirous of guarding against the like for the future. Should this Embankment not be repaired immediately, the ensuing rains will not leave a vestige of our Tolee besides the injury many others will sustain. This being the principal Embankment, indeed the whole city will be exposal to ruin should it be neglected. We know of none other to address but you, and therefore implore your kind exertions on our behalf &ca."

[791]

F. Magniac Esqr.,
Magistrate of the City of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—The persons whose attendance was required in the cause of Futtoodoss Byragee per your favour of the 3d Instant, now accompany this, together with a Roobookary in Persian.—I am etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad.

M. Ricketts,
A. G. G.

[792]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose 3 Audited Bills, for the Month of November last one for my personal allowances & two for the Establishment of the Agents Office, with receipts in duplicate. The Amount will be received by the Bearer.—I am etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 16th Jany. 1823. *A. G. G.*

[793]

W. Biscoe Esqr.,
Acting Magistrate, Beerbhoom.

Sir,—I had the honor of delivering your enclosure of the 9th Instant to Ruheem oonissa Begum, and have now the pleasure of transmitting a reply to the same.—I am etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 22d Jany. 1823. *A. G. G.*

[794]

Lieutt. Colonel Parlby,
&ca. &ca. &ca., Berhampore.

Sir,—I am favored with your letter of the 20 Instant, enclosing your Bill for personal allowances from 1st April 1821 to 31st March 1822 with another for Office Establishment from 1st April to 30th November 1822—& in compliance with your request I do myself the Pleasure of Enclosing a letter to the address of Roy Gungadhur who will on its being presented discharge the amount of your Bills.—I am etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 23d Jany. 1823. *A. G. G.*

[795]

Capt. T. A. Raban,
Commanding Detachment 2d Battn. 10 N. I., Dacca.

Sir,—On the 18th of last month I had the honor to address you respecting the Rent of Newaub Nussur oodeen Hyders house at Berhampore which has not been paid by you since March 1821 & your family are still in the house.

I am sorry to be under the necessity of requesting you to favor me with an early reply.—I am etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 24th Jany. 1823. *A. G. G.*

[796]

G. Swinton Esqr.,
Secy. to Government, Political Department.

Sir,—I request the favor of you to solicit the Hon'ble the Governor General in Council to allow of my taking into my service Private John Campbell late of His Majesty's 17 Regiment of Foot & now transferred to the service of the Hon'ble East India Company ; as he is under orders I understand to Join the European Regt. at Naghpore I request the further favor if no objection exists to my wishes, that an early intimation of the permission of Government may be made to the military authorities.—I am etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 27th Jany. 1823. *A. G. G.*

[797]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Collector of Government Customs, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose copy of a letter to my address from His Highness the Nazim stating that three of his Sepoys have left his Empl[o]y without his consent and engaged themselves in your Department. The names of these persons appear in the Enclosure, and I have to solicit the favor of your compliance with His Highness's wishes—by causing the People in question to be sent to my Office.—I am etc.

Agents Office, M. Ricketts,
Moorshedabad. *A. G. G.*

[798]

John Ahmuty Esqr.,
Senior Judge of the Court of Appeal for the Division of Dacca.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a Persian letter from myself to the address of Nuwab Shumsood Dowlah and Solicit the favor of your delivering the same to H. Highness.—I am etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 27th Jany. 1823. *A. G. G.*

[799]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a letter to your address from Asrufoonissa Begum, apprising you of her having appointed a Mooktaarkar named Doorgapershad Doobay who will in future attend for the receipt of her stipend.

The Begums nomination of the above person I beg to say has been approved of by me.—I am etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, M. Ricketts,
the 27 Jany. 1823. *A. G. G.*

[800]

Revd. B. Bryce,
Clerk to the Committee of Stationery, Calcutta.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a statement exhibiting the Quantity of Stationery remaining in this Office and also of the Quantity required for the Current year & which I request you will have the goodness to forward to me either at once or by Separate Dawks as may be Most Convenient.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 12th Feby. 1823.

H. Sotheby,
A. G. G.

Enclosure

Return of Stationery Received and expended in the year 1822 with the Balance on the 1st January 1823 and the Quantity required for the present year

Articles		Balance 1821	Received 1822	Total	Expended 1822	Balance 1st Jany. 1823	Required for 1823	Remarks
Tape	Bundles	..	16- 0	16- 0	16- 0	..	16- 0	
Demy Paper		0-3	0- 6	0- 9	0- 9	..	5- 0	Reams
Letter Do.		..	3-10	3-10	1-10	2- 0	..	
Folio Post		..	0-14	0-14	0-14	..	8- 0	Do.
General letter Paper		..	0- 6	..	0- 4	0- 2	1- 0	Do.
Foolscap		..	3-18	3-18	1-18	2- 0	10- 0	Reams
Slices		..	1- 0	1- 0	1- 0	..	2- 0	..
Hones		1-0	..	1- 0	..	1- 0	..	..
Straps		2	..	2	1	1	2	..
Penknives		4	2	6	6	..	4	..
Leaden Ink Stands		1	..	1	1	..	2	..
Glass Do.		..	2	2	..	2	2	..
Sealing Wax		20	60	80	62	18	60	..
Scissors		..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Compasses		..	1	1	1	..	1	..
Rubbers		1	1	2	..	2	2	..
Wafers		1	2	3	1	2	4	..
Marble Paper		17 Sheets	..	17	11	6	18	..
Blotting Do.		1 Do.	2 Res.-2 sh.	2 Res.-1 sh.	28	21	27	..
Black Ink Powder		6	12	18	15	3	12	..
Red Do.		1	4	5	1	4	2	..
Boards		6	6	12	11	1	12	..
Indian Rubbers		..	¼	¼	¼	..	1	..
Pencils		..	12	12	3	9	6	..
Quills		100	400	500	400	100	500	..
Sand	Seers	1	1	2	1	about 1	..	..
Sand Boxes		2	1	3	1	2	..	..
Pounce	Seers	..	1	1	pos. ½	Seers ½	..	..
Leaden Weights		..	..	..	..	..	3	..

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 12th Feby. 1823.

H. Sotheby,
A. G. G.

[801]

C. Metcalf Esqr.,
Resident, Hydrabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a receipt for my salary for a part of the month of December as First Assistant—and beg you will have the Goodness to send me an order on Government for the amount.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 13 Feby. 1823.

H. Sotheby,
A. G. G.

Enclosure

Received from C. Metcalf Esqr. Resident at Hydrabad the sum of Sicca Rupees 435-7-9 being the amount of my salary as first assistant to the Resident at Hydrabad from the 1st to the 27 of December 1822 at 500 Rs. per mensem one third being deducted for leave of absence—Sa. Rs. 435-7-9.

Moorshedabad,
the 12 Feby. 1823.

H. Sotheby,
A. G. G.

[802]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose 2 Audited Bills for Establishment of the Agents Office in December last

Accompanied by receipt in duplicate the Amount will be received by the Bearer.—I am etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 18th February 1823.

H. Sotheby,
A. G. G.

[803]

Captain Coldwell,
Presidencs. Paymaster, Calcutta.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose four orders upon you drawn in my favor by Captain Raban, which I forward for your acceptance.

No. 1 from	Pay & allowances of		January 1823	Rs.	250
2 from	Do.	Do.	Feby.	..	400
3 from	Do.	Do.	March	..	200
4 from	Do.	Do.	April	..	200
				Sa. Rs.	1,050

I request you will have the goodness to forward me an order payable at this place, as the money is to be paid to a native Gentleman of this City on account of house rent due to him from Captain Raban.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 19th Feby. 1823.

H. Sotheby,
A. G. G.

[804]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a Couple of Audited Bills for Travelling Charges, and my salary as Agent to the Governor General at Moorshedabad in December last with receipts in Duplicate the Amount of which the Bearer will receive for.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 28th Feby. 1823.

H. Sotheby,
A. G. G.

[805

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose an Extract from a letter to my address from Mr. Acting Persian Secy. Stirling, and beg you will inform me whether the Minor Govind Chund, has been placed under the Guardianship of the Court of Wards.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 6 March 1823.

H. Sotheby,
A. G. G.

[806]

Captain T. W. Raban,
2 B. 10 R.N.I., Dacca.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7 February enclosing orders on the Presidency Paymaster for the amount of the rent of the House occupied by you at Berhampore.

The Orders have been sent to Captain Coldwell and I have been informed by him that they will be paid to me as they become due.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 12 March 1823.

H. Sotheby,
A. G. G.

[807]

The President and Members of the Committee for the Improvement of the City of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—On the 10th January Mr. Ricketts had the honor of addressing you a letter enclosing the substance of a Petition from the Inhabitants of Mogul Tolle regarding the delapidated state of the Pooshtahs in that part of the City. I have this day received a representation from them stating that as yet nothing has been done towards their Repairs, and expressing their fears of the consequences in the Ensuing rains, should the Pooshtahs remain in their present unrepaired state.

2. May I request you will have the goodness to inform me whether it is the intention of the Committee to take any measures with regard to the repairs requisite to ensure the safety of that part of the City.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 13 March 1823.

H. Sotheby,
A. G. G.

[808]

The Revd. J. Bryce,
Clerk to the Committee of Sationery,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a receipt for the Articles of stationery allowed by the Committee on my estimate for the Year 1823.

2. The utmost care shall be taken to prevent useless expenditure, and I hope to be able to make the quantity now sent meet the demands of the Current Year.

3. I subjoin a list of a few small articles in which my Office is very deficient and which are very necessary, and hope the Committee will sanction my being supplied with them.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 13th March 1823.

H. Sotheby,
A. G. G.

Enclosure
List of Deficiencies

Slices .	2	
Straps	2	
Glass Ink stands	2	
Wafers .	2	Boxes
Rulers	2	
Rubber	1	Bottle a very small. Price having been sent with the present supply
Pencils		

H. S.,
A. G. G.

Recd. from the Hon'ble Company's Stationery Ware House the following articles of Stationery allowed by the Committee on my Establishment for the year 1823.

No. 1	Tape	16	
	Sealing Wax	60	
	Quills	400	
	Paste Boards	11	
	Penknives	4	
	Round Ink stands	2	
	Scissors	1	
	Black Ink	12	
	Indian Rubber	1	
	Leads	3	
No. 2	Large post in lieu of Genl. letter	15	quires
	Blotting	19-3	sheets
	Marble	11	sheets
No. 3	Folio post	14	quires
	Foolscap	8	Do.
No. 4	Ditto	1	Ream 14 quires
No. 5	Ditto	1	Ream 14 quires

H. Sotheby,
the 14th March 1823. *A. G. G.*

[809]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose 3 Audited Bills for the Month of January last Amounting to Sicca Rupees 3,868/- with receipts in duplicate for the amount, which the Bearer will receive.—I am etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, H. Sotheby,
the 15th March 1823. *A. G. G.*

[810]

Revd. J. Bryce,
Clerk of the Companys Stationery, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 20 Instant, and do myself the pleasure of returning the receipt signed for the Articles which have this day come to hand.—I am etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, H. Sotheby,
the 29 March 1823. *A. G. G.*

[811]

Coll. Sir A. Campbell K. C. B.,
Commanding, Berhampore.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward a Copy of a letter from the Persian Secretary to Government (illegible) 30 [illegible: stands?] of Arms, which they have permitted the Nuwab Muddar ood Doulah of Rajmehal to receive from the Company's stores.

2. May I request to know whether you have received any intimation on the subject, if not I must make another application to Government for their being supplied.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, H. Sotheby,
the 31 March 1823. *A. G. G.*

[812]

Samuel Chill Esqr.,
Deputy Commissary of Ordnance, Berhampore.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 31 Ultimo I have to request you will be pleased to deliver the 30 Repaired serviceable Musquits with their Bayonet & Ramrods to the Bearer of this as servant of the Consort of the Nuwab Muddarood Dowlah of Rajmahl.

2. Upon your Acquainting me with their Value, the money shall be immediately sent to you.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, H. Sotheby,
the 5th April 1823. *A. G. G.*

[813]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the Honor to enclose a Receipt in Duplicate for the sum of Sicca Rupees Eight Hundred being the amount of a Fringed Palanquin presented by me to Govind Chund Juggut Seat when lately invested with a Kheellaut by order of the Hon'ble the Governor General in Council.

I request the Money may be delivered to the Bearer. —I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, H. Sotheby,
the 5 April 1823. *A. G. G.*

[814]

Deputy Commissary Chill,
Berhampore.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 7th Instant, I enclose a Receipt for the 30 serviceable stands of arms delivered by you according to instructions to the Consort of the Nuwab Muddar ood Dowlah.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agents Office, H. Sotheby,
the 14th April 1823. *A. G. G.*

Enclosure

Received from Mr. Deputy Commissary Chill

Bayonets Musquit		serble.	30
Musquitry Musquits	Repaired arms		30
English	bround		30
Ramrods Musquit			

Package

Chests Deal for arms	serble.
Nails Iron of Sorts	V. L. Serble.

Moorshedabad,
Agents Office, H. Sotheby,
the 14 April 1823. *A. G. G.*

[815]

Sir,—His Highness the Nazim of Bengal having deputed his Durogah Mirza Aka Mahomed, according to his annual Custom to procure mangoes at Malda, has requested me to furnish him with this letter, and to request you will have the goodness to pay such attention to any solicitations that he may offer as may appear to you most expedient.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 15th April 1823.

H. Sotheby,
A. G. G.

[*Same to*]
Magistrate of Denagpore
Do. of Poorneah
Do. of Malda
Comr. Rest. Malda.

[816]

The President and Members of the Committee for the Improvement of Moorshedabad.

Sirs,—Mr. Ricketts in his letter to your address of the 10th January enclosed a Derkhaust from the Inhabitants of Mogul Tolee, regarding the delapidated state of the Pooshtahs.

2. As the Committee have decided that it is not in their power to render the assistance required they have requested that their Petition may be returned, and I therefore beg you will have the goodness to forward it to me at your Earliest convenience.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 17th April 1823.

H. Sotheby,
A. G. G.

[817]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose 3 Audited Bills for the Month of February last Amounting to Sicca Rupees 3,868/- with receipt in Duplicate for the Amount which the Bearer will receive.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 21st April 1823.

H. Sotheby,
A. G. G.

[818]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—From a letter which I have received from the Nuwob Saulut Jung it appears that there is in deposit in your treasury a sum of Sicca Rupees 7,027-15-19-3 belonging to the different Members of the family of Nuwob Mer Zuffer Jung as follows:

Meer Jaffeer	5,020- 0- 0- 0
Nuwassee Begum	836-10-13- 1
Jehooaza Begum	585-10-13- 1
Zynut Begum	585-10-13- 1
Total Sa. Rs.	7,027-15-19- 3

2. I will thank you to deliver the above sum to Moowt Narain the Dewan of Nuwob Soulut Jung, who will give a receipt.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 23rd April 1823.

H. Sotheby,
A. G. G.

[819]

W. A. Pringle Esqr.,
Magistrate of the Zillah Natore.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a letter from His Highness the Nuwob of Bengal to your address and to be.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 29 April 1823.

H. Sotheby,
A. G. G.

[820]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to inform you that in consequence of the death of Nowazis Ally Khan, his son Mirza Ameer Ally has succeeded to his allowances by the orders of Government, and will now accordingly draw for the stipend by affixing his own seal to the accompanying receipts, thro' the Mooktaarkar who has hitherto attended.—I am etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 1 May 1823.

H. Sotheby,
A. G. G.

[821]

H. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose 3 Audited Bills for Establishment of the Agents Office Amounting to Sicca Rupees 654-10 Annas and 8 pie with receipts in Duplicate for the Amount, which the Bearer will receive.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 17 May 1823.

F. Magniac,
A. A. G. G.

[822]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill with receipts in duplicate for the salary of Mr. Sotheby the Governor Generals Agent the amount of which the Bearer will [*sic*] if you please.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agents Office,
the 20 May 1823.

F. Magniac,
Ag. A. G. G.

[823]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—His Highness having solicited that the sum which have been accumulating in your Treasury in the names of the Nuwabs Nussurooddeen Hyder & Yasoobooddeen Ally Khan, may be now paid to him, I beg leave to request that you will make over the same to such person as His Highness may think proper to Depute.—I am etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 20th May 1823.

F. Magniac,
A. A. G. G.

[824]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Out of the Deposit which has hitherto been Accumulating in your Treasury in the name of Mohommed Ally Khan I beg to request you will pay to his receipt now accompanying Rs. 842/- and in future the sum of 310 Rupees Monthly.—I am etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 22d May 1823.

F. Magniac,
A. A. G. G.

[825]

Deputy Commissary Chill,
Berhampore.

Sir,—I am favored with your address of yesterdays date, and in Compliance with your request, enclose a Duplicate Copy of the receipt formerly furnished you for the musquits.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 23 May 1823.

Fry. Magniac,
A. A. G. G.

[826]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose 3 Audited Bills for Establishment of the Agents Office Amounting to Sicca Rupees 594-10 Annas and 8 pie with receipts in Duplicate for the Amount which the Bearer will receive.

2. An Audited Bill for the salary of the late Agent to the Governor General also Accompanies with receipts in Duplicate.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 25th June 1823.

F. Magniac,
A. A. G. G.

[827]

R. A. Chalmus Esqr.,
Judge and Magistrate, Bhaugulpore.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a Letter to the address of Nuwob Abool Hossein from myself and request the favor of your sending it to him.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 16 July 1823.

F. Magniac,
A. A. G. G.

[828]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose Audited Bills Amounting to Sicca Rupees 594-10-8 the amount of which the Bearer will receive for.—I am etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 17 July 1823.

F. Magniac,
A. A. G. G.

[829

Captain Macan, [?]
Persian Interpreter to His Excellency the
Commander in Chief, Patna.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose two letters from their Highnesses the Nuwab Nazim and Ameer Oonissa Begum in reply to the letters addressed to them by His Excellency the Commander in Chief in passing Moorshedabad.

2. I take this opportunity of returning the Letter to the Begum in place of which another Letter has been in substituted.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 24th July 1823.

F. Magniac,
A. A. G. G.

[830]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose 4 Audited Bills Amounting to Sicca Rupees 1,094-10 Annas 8 pie with

receipts in Duplicate for the Amount which the Bearer will receive.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, F. Magniac,
August 1823. *A. A. G. G.*

[831]

Colonel Sir A. Campbell K. C. B.,
Berhampore.

Sir,—His Highness the Nuwob has requested me to forward the accompanying invitations for yourself and family to Witness the Ceremony of the Berrah on Thursday next, and to intimate that His Highness will be happy to, have the pleasure of the Company of any of the Officers of the cantonment under your Command who may wish to honor him with their presence.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, F. Magniac,
the 1 Septr. 1823. *A. A. G. G.*

[832]

The Collector of Mymensing.

Sir,—His Highness the Nuwob Nazim of Bengal has applied to me to address you requesting that such amount as may have been Collected on His Highness Jagheer lands in your District may be remitted by a draft on the Collector of Moorshedabad, together with Accounts and Charges for Collector &ca.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, F. Magniac,
the 26 Sept. 1823. *A. A. G. G.*

The same to the Collector of Tipperah.

[833]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to send you an Extract, Para. 31 from a letter received from the Persian Secretary to Government under date the 28th of February last and request you will be good enough to inform me whether you have received the instruction mentioned in the Extract above alluded to with regard to investing 6 Lacks of Rupees out of the Deposit Fund in Government Securities and whether any steps have been taken to give effect to the proposed arrangement.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, F. Magniac,
the 26 Septr. 1823. *A. A. G. G.*

[834]

Colonel Sir A. Campbell K. C. B.,
Commanding at Berhampore.

Sir,—His Highness the Nuwob Nazim of Bengal proposes to Visit Berhampore tomorrow Morning between 9 to 10 O'Clock A.M. for the purpose of looking at the property of the late General Morris. His Highness will proceed from the City to Berhampore by Water and will return by land thro' the Cantonment. I have thought it necessary to give you this information in Order that you may be prepared to receive him in entering the Cantonments with the Compliments due to his rank & station.—I have etc.

the 29th Sept. 1823. F. Magniac.

[835]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose 4 Audited Bills Amounting to Sicca Rupees 1,094-10 Annas and 8 pie with receipts in Duplicate for the Amount which the Bearer will receive.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, F. Magniac,
the 29 Sept. 1823. *A. A. G. G.*

[836]

W. T. Smith Esqr.,
Senior Judge of the Court of Appeal for the Division of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a letter from His Highness the Nawob Nazim to your address.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, F. Magniac,
the 3rd Octr. 1823. *A. A. G. G.*

[837]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose 3 Audited Bills Amounting to Sicca Rupees 1,034-10 As. and 8 pie with receipts in Duplicate for the Amount which the Bearer will receive.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, F. Magniac,
the 20th October 1823. *A. A. G. G.*

[838]

C. Dawes Esqr.,
Judge of the Dewany Adawlut of the City of Dacca.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a letter, from His Highness the Nuwob Nazim to your address.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, F. Magniac,
the 20th Octr. 1823. *A. A. G. G.*

[839]

F. Magniac Esqr.,
Magistrate of the City of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose a letter from Noor Jehan Begum to my address also a Robokaree of this Office with the Original Deposition of Dudda Cawteercaw.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, F. Magniac,
the 24th October 1823. *A. A. G. G.*

[840]

J. Ahmuty Esqr.,
Senior Judge of the Court of Appeal, Dacca.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 4 Sept. last and its enclosure I beg leave to enclose a draft on the Collector of Dacca for Sicca Rupees 3,500 being the arrears of Stipend due to the Nuvob Meer Mehndee. His Highness the Nuwob Nazim has only issued his stipend at the rate of 500 Rupees per Mensem—proposing to appropriate the remaining 500 Rs. to the liquidation of debts left unadjusted by Meer Mehndee when he proceeded to Dacca.

2. This portion of the Stipend will in future be paid to the Nuwab regularly every Month by a draft on the Collector of Dacca until the debts are discharged when the whole amount of the Stipend will be remitted to him.

3. The Circumstances attending these debts are detailed in the accompanying Persian letter to Meer Mehndee's address, which I shall be obliged by your forwarding to him, and I have requested him to state if he has any objections to offer, to the arrangement proposed by His Highness for their liquidation.—I have etc.

the 5th Novr. 1823. F. Magniac.

[841]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to send you the Copy of a letter from Mr. Stirling in charge of the Persian Office under date the 27 Ultimo—And if you have received the instructions therein refused to you will be pleased to pay the sum of 3,650 Rupees to the Bearer who is furnished with my receipts for the same.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, F. Magniac,
the 5 Nov. 1823. *A. A. G. G.*

[842]

W. A. Chalmar Esqr.,
Magistrate, Bhaugulpore.

Sir,—At the request of His Highness the Nawaub Nazim I beg leave to send Copies of two letters from him to my address together with Copies of paper which accompanied them that you may issue such orders as you may Judge proper on the occasion.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, F.
the 13 Novr. 1823. *A. A. G. G.*

[843]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to send the Copy of a letter from Ashrufoonissa Begum, to my address and to request you will be so good as to attend to the Arrangement made between the Begum and Lulta Bebee, the Widow of Gopaul Singh for the payment of the debt contended by Ashruf Oonnissa.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, F. Magniac,
the 22nd Novr. 1823. *A. A. G. G.*

P.S.—The Bearer hereof Gopaul Chund is the Begums Mooktear who will receive the payment on her Account.

[844]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose 2 Audited Bills Amounting to Sicca Rupees 534-10 Annas, and 8 pie with receipts in Duplicate for the amount which the Bearer will receive.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, F. Magniac,
the 24th November 1823. *A. A. G. G.*

[845]

W. A. Chalmar Esqr.,
Magistrate, Bhaugulpore.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward a reply from His Highness the Nuwwab to a letter received from you while at Moorshedabad.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, F. Magniac,
the 29th Novr. 1823. *A. A. G. G.*

[846]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose 3 Audited Bills amounting to Sicca Rupees 1,034-10 Annas and 8 pie with receipts in Duplicate for the amount which the Bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, F. Magniac,
the 15 Dec. '23. *A. A. G. G.*

[847]

W. T. Smith } Esqrs.
H. W. Dray }

Sir R. Martin Bart.

G. French } Esqrs.,
B. Bird & F. Magniac }

Committee of Embankments of (torn) Moorshedabad.

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to enclose a Durkhust from the Inhabitants of Moghul Tolee relative to the Pooshta called Valaitee Begum's Pooshta which has been much injured by the River during two successive years, under the idea that your committee will think it necessary to take some measures on the occasion.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 17 Decr. 1823.

F. Magniac,
A. A. G. G.

[848]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose an Audited Bill with receipts in Duplicate for my salary as Agent to the Governor General at Moorshedabad.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 23d Decr. 1823.

Wm. Loch,
A. G. G.

[849]

M. Ricketts Esqr.,
Resident of Lucknow at Calcutta.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward a letter to your address from the Nuwab Bhaoo Begum.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 30th Decr. 1823.

Wm. Loch,
A. G. G.

[850]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose 4 Audited Bills amounting to Sicca Rupees 3,869 with receipts in Duplicate for the Amount which the Bearer will receive for.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th Jany. 1824.

Wm. Loch,
A. G. G.

[851]

W. T. Smith Esqr.,
Senior Judge and other Judges of the Court of Appeal, Moorshedabad.

Gentlemen,—It having been represented to [me] by the Mokhtiar of Juggut Sait that in consequence of certain orders from your Court a list of the whole of the property belonging to the family is to be prepared.

2d. It is not by any means the desire of the family to oppose the wishes of the Court, but under the existing circumstances of the family, it would be attended at this moment with considerable inconvenience and be very injurious to their dignity and possibly to their Caste.

3d. It is necessary to explain to you that the anniversary of the death of the late Juggut Sait will take place in 17 days which will be observed under the usual Custom of Hindoo ceremonies. Considerable preparations have been made and are making for this purpose, which must be totally put on end to and the observance of the ceremony greatly diminished should your Court insist upon the introduction of strangers of Various castes at this period, as also the servants and Members of the family would necessarily be employed in fulfilling the orders of the Court.

4th. I have therefore to request, the Court will postpone its orders until after the ceremony has been performed, as you will readily perceive the importance which they naturally attach to this event.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 15 Jany. 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[852]

Thomas Turner Esqr.,
Berhampore.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to send you by the bearer of this letter the sum of three hundred & fifty rupees the amount of the demand made against Mirza Ibrahim by Mr. Macfarlone whose application was forwarded by you to Mr. Magniac in my last.

I request you will acknowledge the receipt of the money.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 26th Jany. 1824.

William Loch,
A. G. G.

[853]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Having occasion to remit the sum of 5,500 Rs. (five thousand five hundred rupees) to Dacca on account of Nuwab Meer Mendee I request you will grant me a draft on the Collector of that district for that sum (the amount of which I send herewith) made payable to Mr. Master the 2d Judge of the Provincial Court of Appeal.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 2d February 1824.

Wm. Loch,
A. G. G.

[854]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to acquaint you that Syed Casim ulee & Cosseem Ulee who receive from your Treasury a Monthly stipend of 400 Rs., have appointed Chooneelal, the bearer of this letter, to act as their Mookhtiar in the room of Gopeenauth, I have therefore to request you will be pleased henceforth to pay their monthly stipend to Chooneelal.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 9th Feby. 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[855]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose 3 Audited Bills Amounting to Sicca Rupees 3,868 with receipts in Duplicate for the Amount which the Bearer will receive for.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 12th February 1824.

Wm. Loch,
A. G. G.

[856]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose an Audited Bill Amounting to Sicca Rupees 677-14 Annas with receipt in Duplicate being the amount of my Travelling charges from Mazufferpore to Moorshedabad—which the Bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th Feby. 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[857]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose the copy of a letter from Lieut. Buxton with his receipts in duplicate for Sicca Rupees 5,000, and made the circumstances stated by him I have to request the amount may be paid accordingly. —I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th Feby. 1824.

Wm. Loch,
A. G. G.

[858]

The Agent to the Governor General at Delhi.

Sir,—Meer Muhummed Hossein Meer Meera, son of Byram Khan Behador, and one of the Akrobah of His Highness the Nazim of Bengal, being anxious to proceed to Delhi, on urgent private affairs, His Highness has requested me to give him a letter of introduction to you, and to recommend him to your favourable notice. In compliance with His Highness's wish, I have accordingly given him this letter which he will have the honor to present to you in person. For your further information as to the object of Meer Hosseins visit to Delhi, I have the pleasure to enclose copies of His Highness letter to me with its enclosure.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 16th Feby. 1824.

William Loch,
A. G. G.

[859]

W. T. Smith Esqr.,
Senior Judge and other Judges of the Court of Appeal, Moorshedabad.

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 17th Instant which only reached me the evening before last in reply to one addressed by me to the Court under date the 15th Instant which conveyed an application made to me by the Mokhtiar of Juggut Sait begging Certain particulars to be brought to the notice of the Court,

2. The communication you have sent me in reply to that letter has occasioned me Considerable surprise ; can not possibly reconcile anything so opposite, as the information furnished me by Juggut Saits Mokhtiar, supported as it is by the notoriety of the Circumstance in the City, with the position contradiction contained in your letter which states, the anniversary of the demise of the late Juggut Sait to have taken place seven days ago, and that no part of the ceremony remains unperformed.

3. Your Court also observe your records inform you that the late Juggut Sait died in Poos —no doubt his demise took place on the 28th of Poos 1229 Bengal Era— It has not however occurred to your Court that the Sait family reckon by the Somebut year and that the demise of the late Juggut Sait is stated to have occurred on Magh Buddee Choudus 1879—Sumbut, which corresponds with the 28th Poos 1229 Bengal Era in the same way It has escaped the Courts observation that the anniversary of his death will take place on Magh Buddee Choudus 1880 which corresponds with the 17th of *Magh* 1230 Bengal Era. By this Calculation the Court will observe that the period of the anniversary will not be fulfilled until Thursday next ; on which day, I am most positively informed and it is a notorious fact, that the Ceremony of the Surraud will be performed at which Sait Bishen Chund himself would have been present had not existing circumstances prevented him.

The seeming inconsistency in this calculation is to be accounted for by the irregularity of the last Sumbut year. In Ughan Sooddee & in Poos Buddee 15 days of each were lost making a whole month, while there were two Choits.

4. The ceremony of Serad in a family of such importance as that of the Sait, cannot be performed without publicity, and how it has come to be affirmed before your Court, that the event had actually occurred seems to me a very strange and unaccountable Circumstance.

5. I beg to refer the Court to Sait Bishen Chund himself to conform the truth of this statement & I am in possession of the Most direct that every preparation has been made for the Ceremony, and that it will take place on Thursday next, which, as I have already stated, is by the Calculation observed in the Sait family, the anniversary of the demise of the late Juggut Sait.

6. On reperusing my letter of the 15th Instant I observed I omitted to furnish an explanation at the time I addressed the Court of the reason why Juggut Sait's Mokhtiar applied to me for assistance in this case.

7. He mentioned to me that three petitions has been already sent to the Court but as they had not met with success, he begged of me to bring the Circumstances to the knowledge of the Court, as the Character of the family was deeply involved in the result.

8. It was afterwards communicated to me that the occasion of the dilemma into which the family had been thrown, once [arose?] from the Misconduct and irregularity of Mohamed Sulleem the Vakeel, who had kept back the petitions which were in his possession for the purpose of being presented to the Court.

9. This Circumstance therefore will explain the seeming disrespect to the Court on the part of the Mokhtiar and exculpate him from any share of the blame which seems to attach to the Vakeel.

10. The Court I am sorry to observe are offended with my interference in this matter they Call upon me to explain the authority under which I act ; and wish to know whether on any similar occasion the Court was ever guided by any representation made by the Agent in favor of the Sait family.

11. I beg on this point to offer the following explanation of my Conduct to the Court, as I should be sorry, either, in point of fact to infringe upon their privileges, or that in idea even, it should be supposed I presumed to do so.

12. The interest which the Government have invariably shewn towards the Sait family in it's well[be]ing and prosperity the constant habit the Agent has been in of being the Channel of Communication with the family and the Government the Circumstance of the Agent having by the command of the Governor General bestowed Khilluts and other honors upon the family, and More particularly from the public Character they have always borne as connected with the Nizamut, authorize me and even peremptorily call upon me to send them the Assistance of my advise and the influence of my support whenever they may require it. How far the Court are bound to listen to any representation I might make to it on such an occasion, I have never questioned. I have perused my letter of the 15th and I can see nothing therein to have given offence a Certain representation is brought to the notice of the Court on the part of the oldest and most respectable family in Moorshedabad, and made under the impression that the Court was not aware of the probable injury likely to occur to the family by the orders under execution. This was accompanied with a request that the orders of the Court might be postponed until certain ceremonies had been performed, which should they be disturbed, the Caste and dignity of the family would materially suffer.

13. That the Court were fully Competent to comply with my request or not as it deemed proper, I have never ventured to dispute, and whatever may be now the result of it's orders I feel quite satisfied in having performed my duty which I conceive I should not have done had I remained silent.

14. In conclusion I think it proper to state to the Court, I entertain reasonable expectation that the differences which exist between the two families of Sait Bishan Chund and the young Juggut Sait, will be adjusted amicably. It is my intention to exert my utmost influence to bring them to this result, and I hope, I do not presume, too much if I earnestly solicit the Court to assist me with their power and authority in promoting so desirable an object.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, William Loch,
the 26th Feby. 1824. *A. G. G.*

[860]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose 3 Audited Bills Amounting to Sicca Rupees 3,868, with receipts in Duplicate for the Amount which the Bearer will receive for.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, W. Loch,
the 8th March 1824. *A. G. G.*

[Two identical letters dated 9th April and 10th May, not printed.—Ed.]

[861]

G. French Esquire,
3d Judge of the Court of Circuit, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Muhummud Alli and Ahmed Alli were lately committed by the Magistrate, Mr. Magniac, to take their trial before you, on a charge of forgery and defaming the official character of Mr. Ahmuty the late Commissioner appointed to investigate certain particulars relating to the affairs of the Nizamut.

2d. From the information I possess in this affair, I understand, that it has been satisfactorily proved these persons are not the principals, but that several of the officers and attendants attached to the person of His Highness the Nuwab, are deeply implicated in this nefarious transaction.

3d. As a matter so intimately connected with the future welfare of the Nazim, it will be my duty to bring the circumstance to the notice of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, but previous to this step, I am anxious to obtain your sentiments as to the credit which may be placed on the assertions made by these persons, and I hope in making this request, I do not in any way transgress the rules of your Court.—I have etc:

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, Wm. Loch,
the 10th March 1824. *A. G. G.*

[862]

Lieut. B. Buxton.

Sir,—I have the honor to submit to you copy of a letter from Mr. Secretary Stirling under date the 9 Instant for your information.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
(torn).

W. Loch,
[*A. G. G.*]

[863]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—On the 9th February last I communicated to you the appointment of Chooneelal, as Mokhtiar, on the parts of Casimallee, Cazim Allee, Rizzeea Begum and others and requested that their Monthly stipend should be paid to them through the said Chooneelal Circumstances have since occurred to render the appointment of Chooneelal inexpedient I have therefore to inform you that he has been Removed from the situation and Gopeenauth has been restored to the office to whom you will be good enough to pay the stipends until further intimation from me.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 9th April 1824.

W. Loch,
Agent G. G.

[864]

Lieutt. Coll. Parlby,
Engineers, Berhampore.

Sir,—In the month of April 1822 the Acting Agent to the Governor General, Mr. Russell, submitted a report to the Government upon the state of the apartments Occupied by the Bhow Begum, he took the occasion also, of annexing to his report, an Opinion professionally given by you, upon the subject.

2. The Governor General in Council, on a consideration of these statements, in the following month, issued directions to Mr. Russell, desiring him to request that, you would furnish a plan and estimate of the expence of erecting a new Muhal for the Begum.

3. After an attentive search Amongst the Records of this office it does not appear that any communication was ever made to you to the above effect ; I beg therefore now to send you an Extract from the letter of the Secretary to Government on this subject and to request, that should you be able, from the materials you may possibly possess to furnish me with the required plan & information, I will be obliged to you to do so at your earliest convenience.

I am the more particularly induced now to trouble you from the annoyance every member of this Dewry endures from the enc[r]eased delapidations which have taken place since you last visited these buildings.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 30th April 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[865]

The Collector of Zillah Mymunsing.

Sir,—I beg to call your early attention to my predecessor's letter of the 26th of September last.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 5th May 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[866]

W. R. Jennings Esquire,
Collector of Zillah Tipperah.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 15th of Jany. last Mentioning your intention to forward a statement of the Collections made in the Jegeer lands in your District belonging to His Highness the Nazim together with Charges of expenses incurred on that account as soon as prepared, which not having as yet been received, I beg to remind you of the Circumstance & to request that the statement with a draft for the Amount may be forwarded to this office as soon as possible.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 5th May 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[867]

G. C. Master Esquire,
2d Judge of the Court of Appeal, Dacca.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward to you the accompanying letter to the address of Nuwab Meer Meendee from this off[ice] which you will be pleased to deliver to him.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 5th May 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[868]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to acquaint you that Noorjehan Begum, who receives from your Treasury a Monthly stipend of 1,300 Rupees has appointed Hurlall, the bearer of this letter, to act as her Mookhtear in the room of Doorgapershaud deceased, I have therefore to request you will be pleased henceforth to pay her monthly stipend to Hurlall.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 5th May 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[869]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Having occasion to remit the sum of 4,000 Rs. (four thousand) to Dacca on account of Nuwab Meer Mehndee I request you will grant me a Draft on the Collector of that District for that Sum (the amount of which I send herewith) made payable to Mr. Master 2d Judge of the Provl. Court of Appeal.—I am etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 8th May 1824.

W. Loch,
Agent G. G.

[870]

H. T. Travers }
G. Cheap } Esquires,

Local Agents, Moorshedabad.

Sirs,—Some complaints having been preferred against the Superintendent of the Musjid & Mookburrah at Moteejheel, I deemed it proper to repair to the spot, and upon enquiry, it certainly appears to me that, many very improper irregularities have existed.

2. The state of the Musjid and Mookburrah, as also, the other detached buildings has induced me to bring the occurrence to the notice of Government, Copy of which address, I have the pleasure to send you for your information and consideration.

3d. You will observe, that I have stated in my letter to the Government (torn) extenuating circumstances in favor of [Cullubally], the Mootuwullee, but it will rest solely with you, whither, you think he is (torn) of holding the situation any longer or not.

4th. The Chief points which appear to me proper to be enquired into and ascertained are the following. .

5th. What sum of money has been laid out in the repairs of the buildings generally—and if a surplus, to what purpose it has been put.

6th. What expenditure has been made on account of lighting up the several tombs and for other purposes.

7th. The extent of arrear due to those persons depending upon the Charity, whither paid in certain quotas of rice or by stipend.

8th. And an explanation demanded why the names of certain of the superintendents relations have been introduced into the list of Pensioners.

9th. A translation of the list of Pensioners with my remarks opposite their names I have the honor to send you for your further information.

10th. In the course of your inquiry should you find the reparation [offered] by the Superintendent and noticed by me in my letter to Government inadequate to the injury sustained, I presume the Mootuwallies dismissal will be pronounced by you, I hope however, he will be able to extenuate himself in a sufficient manner to obtain your consideration upon his faithfully acting up to the terms promised by him.

11th. His Highness the Nuwab is much interested in this matter, and no doubt, will address you upon the subject.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 13th May 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

Enclosure

Statement of the monthly Expenditure incurred under the Superintendent of Mirza Cullubally Mutwoolly of the Lunger of the late Nuwab Shehamut Jung, situated at Mottee Jheel, as herein detailed

Names of the Persons	Sa. Rs.	Remarks by Agent
Golaub Shaw . . .	4- 4- 0	For the last five months only this man has reced., this stipend previous to that period his stipend was 3-12
Syud Alli Shaw . .	5- 0- 0	This man is nine months in arrear
Robeea Begum . .	7- 8- 0	This person is sister to the Supt.
Fatemah Begum . .	7- 8- 0	Do. Do.
Ahmud Alli . . .	5- 0- 0	A Nephew of Superintt.
Musst. Ashoorun, Khadmah of former Mutwully	4- 0- 0	A step-mother of Do.
Punney	1- 0- 0	Not present at enquiry
Musst. Noorun . .	1- 0- 0	Ditto
,, Suckeenah . .	1- 8- 0	Ditto
,, Akalee . .	1- 0- 0	Ditto
,, Sreemotey . .	1- 0- 0	Ditto
Hingun Shaw . . .	1- 0- 0	Two months due out of the eight as included in my letter to Government
Guzuffer Hossein . .	2- 0- 0	Ditto besides rice & Khetcherry
Shubrattee . . .	1- 0- 0	Do. Do. Do.
Musst. Lootfun . .	1- 0- 0	Do. Do. Do.
Mottee oollah . . .	1- 0- 0	Not present
Musst. Shahebjaun . .	1- 0- 0	The Superintt. says he is unacquainted with this person why therefore is the stipend paid
Noorun . .	1- 0- 0	Two months due out of the eight former
Bukhtawor . .	1- 0- 0	A considerable period in former Darogahs time and 2 Moths. of the 8 in the present Superintt.
,, Sazidah . .	2- 0- 0	Not present
,, Ameerun . .	1- 0- 0	Do. Ditto
Bhuttacharge . . .	2- 0- 0	Do. Ditto
Musst. Zeenut . .	1- 0- 0	Do. Ditto
,, Chandor . .	1- 0- 0	Do. Do.
,, Ruzzun . .	0-12- 0	Two months of the 8 due
,, Zeetun . .	0-12- 0	Do. Ditto
,, Zuhoorbux . .	0-12- 0	Do. Do.
,, Khoobun . .	0-12- 0	Do. Do.
Issur Chund Takoor .	0-11- 0	Do. Do.
Musst. Peearun . .	0- 8- 0	Do. Do.
Do. Sahebjaun . .	0- 8- 0	Do. Do.
Roushun . . .	0- 8- 0	Not present
Joogul Doss Byragy .	0- 8- 0	Do. Do.
Musst. Peerun . .	0- 8- 0	Do. Do.

Statement of the monthly Expenditure incurred under the Superintendent of Mirza Cullubally Mutwoolly of the Lunger of the late Nuwab Shehamut Jung, situated at Mottee Jheel, as herein detailed—*Concld.*

Names of the Persons	Sa. Rs.	Remarks by Agent
Meer Golam Ubbush	0- 8- 0	Not present
Musst. Poocho	0- 8- 0	Do. Ditto
,, Zuhoorun	0- 4- 0	Do. Do.
,, Ameerun (blind)	0- 4- 0	Do. Do.
Rumzanee	0- 4- 0	Do. Do.
Musst. Peearun	0- 4- 0	Do. Do.
,, Fyzoonissa	0- 4- 0	Do. Do.
,, Chumney	0- 4- 0	Do. Do.
Peearoo	0- 4- 0	Do. Do.
Peearun	0- 4- 0	Do. Do.
Boodhoo	0- 4- 0	Two months of the former 8 due
Mudun (Zunanah)	0- 4- 0	Do. Do.
Surmanny	0- 4- 0	Do. Do.
Musst. Mannah	0- 4- 0	Do. Do.
,, Tazzoo	0- 4- 0	Do Do.
,, Ghusity	0- 4- 0	Do. Do.
,, Jaun Beeby	0- 4- 0	Do. Do.
,, Seermoty	0- 6- 0	Not present
,, Bhoochah	0- 6- 0	Two months of the 8 due
,, Bhukah	0- 7- 0	Not present
,, Noorun	0- 3- 0	Two months of the 8 in arrear
Ruttee Kunt Takoor	0- 3- 0	Not present
Dhonah	0- 3- 0	Two months of the 8 due
Musst. Zeebun	0- 3- 0	Not present
Do. Nunkey	0- 2- 0	Two months stipend & 6 Md. Chaul
Meer	0-10- 0	Not present
Chunkey Shaw (Muzbee)	4- 8- 0	This person is the agent on the part of those depending upon the Lungur and is himself too with stipd. & 6 Md. Chaul in arrear
Surburakar (Pokht Lungur)	3- 0 0	
Gardener	3- 0- 0	
Baburchee	2- 8- 0	
Conveyance for the Mooktiar in bringing treasure from the Collectors Office	1-12- 0	
(Torn) Collectors Omlahs	3- 0- 0	This money requires a question
For tinning the Copper pots	0- 8- 0	
Dandey	3- 0- 0	
Firewood	3- 0- 0	
Rice & Gram &ca. for Lungur	45- 0- 0	
Sa. Rupees	137-10- 0	

The Explanation offered for the remainder of the monthly allowance is the following:

For Travellers &ca.	12
Do. lighting & repairing & observances made at certain festivals	30
	42

However upon enquiry it will be found that the Travellers have been few and the lights & repairs sadly scanty.

The papers in this case accompany the letter of which the enclosed papers are lists.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[871]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to acquaint you that in consequence of the death of Sharokh Begum her Daughter Noor Jehan Begum has succeeded to her allowances by the order of Government & will now accordingly draw for the stipend by affixing her own Seal on the receipts, she has appointed Pran Chund the bearer of this letter to act as her Mookhtear I have therefore to request you will be pleased henceforth to pay her monthly stipend to Prawn Chund.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 24th May 1824.

W. Loch,
Agent G. General.

[872]

Major MacLeod,
Superintendent of Nizamut Buildings.

Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 24th February last I beg to apprise you that the Building department & Privy purse of His Highness will be responsible to you for the sum of Rs. 4,032 due to you by Sunkur Panre but that no assets exist at this moment from which the amount can be discharged.

I hope ere long to make arrangements for the liquidation of this & other claims.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 24th May 1824.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[873]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—The annual allowance of Sa. Rs. 1,484-3-4-2 received by her late Highness the Munny Begum for the loss of the abolish Sayer [*sic*] duties on the Gunges belonging to her, being now due for the Bengal years

1229 & 1230, you will be pleased to pay the amount to Roy Gungadhur, who has been authorized by me to receive the same on account of His Highness the Nazim. —I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 27 May 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. General.

[874]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a Copy of my proceeding of the 3d Instant for your information.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agents Office,
the 4th June 1824.

W. Loch,
Agent G. G.

[875]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—With reference to a letter addressed by me to the Local Agents under date the 13th Ultimo I beg to enclose Copy of a letter from Mr. Secretary Stirling under date the 21st of May last, for your information.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agents Office,
the 4th June 1824.

W. Loch,
Agent G. G.

[876]

G. C. Master Esqr.,
2d Judge of the Court of Appeal, Dacca.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward to you the accompanying letter to the address of Nuwab Meer Mehendy from this office which you will be pleased to deliver to him.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agents Office,
the 8th June 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[877]

Lieutt. Coll. J. Parlby,
&ca. &ca., Berhampore.

Sir,—I have been favoured with your letter without date enclosing your receipt & Dupl. for the sum of Sa. Rs. 2,618-14-2 on acct. of office Establisht. from the 1st of Decemr. 1822 to 30 Apl. 1824 & in compliance with your request I do myself the pleasure to enclose a letter to the address of Roy Gungadhur, who will on its being presented discharge the amount.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agents Office,
the 8th June 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[878]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose 3 Audited Bills amounting to Sa. Rs. 3,866 with receipts in Duplicate for the amount, which the Bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agents Office,
the 8th June 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[879]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose my & Duplicate for Sicca Rupees, two thousand, for the purpose therein specified. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agents Office,
the 9th June 1824.

W. Loch,
Agent G. G.

[880]

W. R. Jennings Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Tipperah.

Sir,—I have the honor to address you on the 5th of May [last] requesting you to submit the statement of Collections of the Jageer lands in your District belonging to H. Highness the Nuwab Nazim.

I beg to acquaint you that very great inconvenience is experienced in consequence of the delay, I shall therefore be obliged by your forwarding the Statement together with a Draft for the amount of Collection with the least possible delay.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
(torn) June 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[*The same to* the Collector of Mymunsing.]

[881]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—In compliance with the directions conveyed to us by the Government we have the honor to report to you for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, of our having visited this morning and ultimately inspected the several buildings and apartments attached to the Deoorec Muhal of Her Highness the Ameeroon-nissa Begum lately completed under the superintendence of Lieutenant Coll. Parlby.

2d. Lieutt. Coll. Parlby having accompanied us according to the instructions of Government he pointed out in the first place the former plan and disposition of these buildings, he then shewed the plan which under Mr. Monckton's Agency had been determined on, and

since then, the alterations and improvements which had been made from the arrangements originally proposed.

3d. The apartments which we first visited are those formerly denominated the "Chaudnee Mehal" but which are now called by the Begum the "Dewankhana." This building is one of a most commodious and excellent construction, & the execution of the work is in every respect good and substantial. It is raised considerably from the Ground and flued throughout which renders it quite dry. A considerable area is in front of the building which has been enclosed by a high wall, having two Entrances of which the principal one is to the East leading to the Chouke through Seraja Dowlah's Bazar, and the other, opens to the South towards the Dewry of the Bhow Begum, Chougurra and Rouneekufza—We had every reason to be satisfied with the style in which these were completed.

4th. We next proceeded to the apartments formerly known by the name of the "Greater Gaenpoora" and now denominated the apartments of the Pine Baugh. These apartments form one side of a quadrangle in the same manner as those of the "Dewan Khana" and communicate with the area of the "Dewan Khana" by a large folding door. The apartments consist of a row of small rooms with a very neat veranda in front supported upon columns. It is raised and flued in the same manner as the other building, and it is consequently, quite dry, and in every other respect a well executed work.

5th. Having examined the "Pine Baugh apartments" we proceeded to "Begumpoora" the apartments of Her Highness. It has been already represented to the Government that these apartments had been delivered over to the Begum upon her assumption of the Musnud. With this knowledge therefore we were prepared to make every allowance for the wear and tear which they had undergone, and we are happy to state, that, notwithstanding they have met with the most careless, and filthy usage, they bear the appearance of the work having been of originally of the best, and putting aside the dirt collected by the habitual apathy and indolence of those who inhabit them, we consider them still to be in a very high state of preservation. With the exception of one insignificant leak not a single word of dissatisfaction was made to us. We should have been surprised had there been, for it is impossible, that people could be more comfortably accommodated than those attached to Begumpoorah. The Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council is aware that the apartments appropriated for the Begum's personal convenience did not undergo any alteration or repair, those to which we allude therefore are the rooms in which the females immediately dependent upon Her Highness, reside. Begumpoora is the most extensive square of any of the divisions in the Muhul Seraie. The North end of the division is occupied by the rooms occupied by the Begum, and the other three sides are the apartments in question, a sufficient space being left between them and the Begum's rooms to prevent inconvenience to Her Highness.

6th. We next went to the Chougurrah which is inhabited by one of the two Hurrums of Syfoodoulah. Here we had reason to be equally satisfied with the nature of the building however much we regretted the manner in which it had been treated.

7th. It is proper we should state to you for the information of Government Colonel Parlby informed us that notwithstanding the alterations which had been made from the plan originally proposed no encrease had been made to the Estimate, and in conclusion we consider it merely justice due to that Gentleman to state our opinion, that more substantial and excellent work could not have been executed and that the inspection of these extensive buildings gave us infinite satisfaction.—We have etc.

W. Loch,
Moorshedabad, *A. G. G.*
the 1st July 1824. A. Shuldham, *Captn.*

[882]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose Copy of a letter from Mr. Secy. Stirling under date the 18'h June 1824 for your information, and I beg you will have the goodness to cause the amount to be forwarded to this office for the purpose therein specified.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, W. Loch,
the 2d July 1824. *A. G. G.*

[883]

W. T. Smith Esqr.,
Senior Judge of the Court of Appeal, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a Persian letter to your address from Syed Zoolfkar Ally, alias Nuwab Jaun, and to be.—Your etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, W. Loch,
the 2d July 1824. *A. G. G.*

[884

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—By this days Dawk you will be furnished with a report on the buildings of the Muhl Seraee lately completed by Lieutt. Coll. Parlby & I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor Genl. in Council in addition to the communication therein made by Captain Shuldham & myself, that I have transferred in due form the whole of the apartments in question to the charge of the Ameeroonissa Begum.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, W. Loch,
the 3d July 1824. *A. G. G.*

[885]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to acquaint you that the stipend heretofore drawn by Nuwasish Mohmed Khan & Mirza

Ummeer Alley having been divided amongst the several stipendiaries dependent thereon the following are the proportions attached to each individual Vizt.—

To Nuwasish Mohmed Khan	. .	86- 0- 0
,, Mirza Ummeer Ally	. .	70- 0- 0
,, Bubber Ally Khawn	.	110- 0- 0
,, Mirza Gholam Ally	. .	25- 0- 0
,, Fatemah Begum	. .	34- 0- 0
	Sa. Rs.	325- 0- 0

I have therefore to request you will be pleased henceforth to pay the monthly stipend to the persons abovementioned on their furnishing you with separate receipts. —I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 8th July 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[886]

Moran Esqr.,
Berhampore.

Sir,—On the 31st May last Lieutt. Oldham purchased for you the house, the property of the late Nuwab Nusseeroodeen Hyder—The terms mentioned by that Gentleman & which were agreed to (torn) & 1,000 Rupees at three or months from the period the arrangement should be made. The premises were delayed being transferred to you in consequence of my not being able to find the original title deeds. I had others drawn up, & having previously received from you a communication through Mr. Marley the Head writer in the office of the Governor General's Agent—I proceeded to carry into effect the remaining part of the transaction through that person.

2d. The new title deeds were put into your possession & you were informed that I should be officially responsible to you for the stability of the sale of the property you made no objection or do you now make any objection to the deeds & your only request then was that the boundaries should be pointed out to you, upon that occasion too, you repeated the terms formerly made to me through Lieutt. Oldham. The boundaries were pointed out to you a few days after by the Moulvee Oobedoollah, Mr. Marley was present & it was then when you raised doubts in respect to the terms on which purchases were allowed to be made within the cantonment of Berhampore & you requested that I would ascertain this point. The request surprised me, as if you had any doubt in regard to the terms of making such purchases it would have been natural for you to have ascertained the point in the very first instance from Lieutt. Oldham who could have given you every information on the subject. I was however the more surprised at the request as you have been an inhabitant within the Military lines for some years & I understand you actually do now possess the premises adjoining to those which are the occasion of the present discussion. That you should be satisfied however in every point, I wrote a note to Captn. Shuldham which was forwarded to you to be delivered to that Gentleman, & his answer was afterwards sent to you.

3d. After many days delay you now inform Mr. Marley, that you are sorry you cannot complete the transaction being unwilling to subject yourself & family to the laws & rules of the Military. I consider this excuse to be a mere subterfuge as you are at this moment under the authority you pretend to say deters you from fulfulling the engagements you have distinctly entered into.

4th. I hope a further consideration of this matter will point out the impropriety of your conduct and prevent my proceeding further.

5th. It may be well to mention to you that a receipt from the former proprietor of the house has (torn) to shew the purchase & possession of Nussuroodeen Hyder. —I am etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 8th July 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[887]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 11 ultimo communicating to me the sentiments of Government in the case of conspiracy, in which three of the officers of the Nazim are supposed to be deeply implicated & directing me to report my opinion as to the expediency of an enquiry being instituted under my authority, for the purpose of establishing a disproving the serious imputations now attaching to their Characters, in the event of no steps being taken by the Courts for following up the charges against them.

2d. In a case of so much importance, & rendered more complicated, by the great delay which has taken place on the part of the Courts in following up the matter, I feel hesitation in offering an opinion. From the style & nature of the information which I understand to have been adduced, when the subject was brought to light in the first instance, I cannot doubt for a moment but that the parties charged, are guilty of the allegation against them. Time, & the influence of money, may have very much altered the character of that information, & would now render an investigation extremely difficult and laborious.

3d. At the same time it is a question of serious consideration, that persons charged with a crime of such a serious complexion, & a general impression existing that they are the promoters of the alleged offence, should be permitted to remain near the person of the Nazim & continue to be his counsellers & advisers. On the other hand if they are innocent, as they declare themselves to be, the institution of an enquiry would be a mere act of Justice due to them. Again, the Nazim does not himself, nor do any of his companions possess, those exalted feelings which ought to be and are the workings of every sensible & dignified mind; such imputations therefore

will never affect their peace, while, it may be justly concluded that any set of persons who can induce such without evin[c]ing any desire to clear their characters must have some reason for tacity [*sic*] submitting to so sad a degradation.

4th. After all, when we think of the continual state of agitation in which the Nizamut has been involved, ever since the elevation to the Musnud of his present Highness ; when we consider the irksome & invidious part, we should have to perform in reverting to events long since past, it might be advisable upon the whole, to allow the matter to rest.

5th. Should His Lordship in Council however entertain the opinion that the enquiry should be instituted, it is proper His Lordship should be made fully aware of the extent, to which the investigation may lead the question. From the information given to me it would seem that His Highness, himself is deeply concerned in the affair. That in fact he suggested the alteration of the word, "husht to shust," & I am told, it was done in his presence ; Now should this fact be brought to bear against the Nazim in the Course of the enquiry, it might possibly involve the British Government in a very unpleasant dilemma as justice would demand an equal distribution of punishment to such as might be proved guilty.

6th. The story communicated to me seems to be simply the following—The connection between Captn. Hogg & Shumshare Jung had been observed by the Nizamut Ministers, it was also concluded that Captn. Hogg might be intimate with Mr. Ahmuty. The Nuwab Shumshare Jung had dismissed Mohummed Alli from his service in consequence of his having embezzled a certain sum of money which he was to have delivered to Captn. Hogg. The Ministers found this person to be a proper subject to employ in the transaction which they contemplated—a letter was produced from Captn. Hogg which answered the purposes they required. On its being presented to His Highness an exclamation immediately escaped him. What are you such fools as to suppose the Govr. Genl. would for a moment believe that Mr. Ahmuty would resque his character for the paltry sum of 8,000 Rs. The letter will do however enable hand can easily turn "husht into shust."*

I am very fully convinced that the object was not so much to injure Mr. Ahmuty's character, as the hope that the ultimate result would be the exclusion of the Dhoolin Begum from her present elevated situation. Natives never do calculate on the results of their intrigues, & never anticipate danger, until it stares them widely in the face. The Nazim & his officers only looked to the injury which was to be the lot of the Begum, without considering the heinous charges, they were heaping upon Captn. Hogg, at Mr. Ahmuty's expence. At last seeing the error they had committed & feeling that they had led themselves into a serious dilemma ; His Highness became anxious to repair matters as quickly as possible, which he did, by sending a copy of the letter to Mr. Ahmuty the original having been previously delivered to Mr. Russell, by Mohummed Ally & Ahmed Alli who were introduced to that Gentleman by Golaum Mooktedda, the Acting Darogah of the Adawlut oolalia.

7th. The contradictory circumstances attending this part of the transaction appears to be so conclusive of the participation of the above parties I cannot refrain pointing them out to you for the information of His Lordship in Council. Mr. Russell in his letter to your address under date the 31st July 1822 states that Gholam Mooktedda appeared before him & communicated certain particulars as detailed in his letter. He says the party appeared before him on the 14th or 15th of that month Vizt. July & that Mohumed Alli & Ahmed Alli produced the original letter which he (Mr. Russell) *took* and *kept* that Golaum Mooktedda "Vehemently (with oaths) declaring unasked, that he *did not* come from His Highness but of his *own accord*, for my personal advantage,* & to give me information of great personal importance to me, & that he wished a private interview." From this we are distinctly led to understand that Golaum Mooktedda was the only person belonging to the Nazim who was acquainted with this transaction, at all events, that the Nazim was totally ignorant of which was going on, yet, on comparing the date of Mr. Ahmuty's letter (20th July 1822) conveying to Government an account of the affair it would appear, that about the very same period, Ghalib Alli Khan, by the Command of the Nazim, communicated to Mr. Ahmuty the story of the letter and of the original being then in the possession of Mr. Russell, this communication too must have been made before Mr. Russell had completed the part of the proceeding adopted by him, for it seems by his letter of the 31 July as also by the Magist.'s of the 24th of the same month that on the 22d he had sent the party to Mr. Magniac for the purpose of having their deposition taken upon oath.

8th. How therefore Mooktedda could make the above assertion when the communication made by Ghalib Alli seems completely contradict it & from whence the copy of the letter could have been procured had His Highness been previously unacquainted with the occurrence appears to me strange, it is besides quite beyond my understanding, that Mooktedda, who is the perfect creature of the Nuwab, would dare to make the circumstances Known to Mr. Russell with H. Highness's knowledge, or if he was really ignorant that Mooktedda had informed Mr. Russell of the circumstances, when he discovered he had done so, why did he not take steps to rectify the misconduct of his servant by putting a step to further proceedings on the part of Mr. Russell? It seems also unaccountable that although H. Highness was aware, the matter communicated by the means of his servant, was likely to operate to the injury of the Commissioners character, he makes no effect to punish this man

* It appears to me, that if Mohummed Alli & Ahmed Alli with the other two persons who seem to have been concerned in writing the letter for Captn. Hogg, had been the only conspirators, & the intention of wounding Mr. Ahmuty's character lay solely with them, they never would have made any alteration from the original paper.

For Had the affair been their own, they must have considered the matter previously to the letter being written, & their minds must have been satisfied as to the effect the contents of that letter were to make. The subsequent alteration therefore of sentiments, which occurs, & the charge which takes place in the sum of money stated to have been stipulated for, can only be accounted for by a second party being concerned & pointing out the mistake.

* The personal advantage & importance the communication was to have been of to Mr. Russell I cannot perceive.

nor does he even censure or express any disapprobation of his conduct. My conviction is that the Nazim was not only aware of, but commended the communication to be made. With this impression therefore upon my mind it appears to me that the Nazim determined thro' the agency of Mr. Russell to give a death-blow to the Begum's assumption of the Musnud, but that, finding affairs were likely to take a turn for which he was not prepared, he immediately dispatched Ghaliballi to Mr. Ahmuty for the purpose of communicating the discovery of the letter, pretending at the same time to be Mr. Ahmuty's well wisher.*

9th. Another very odd inconsistency appears on the face of these proceedings which I do not understand. From a letter of Captn. Hogg under the date 12th Novemr. 1822 we learn that as far back as the 18th June rumours were afloat affecting his character, but upon his requiring an explanation of the reports from Mr. Russell, that Gentleman distinctly denied any knowledge of the kind. Yet it appears from the same letter 7th Paragraph that information was given to Mr. Ahmuty on the 19th of June, by whose letter, of the 20th July 3d, 4th & 5th Paragraphs we are led to understand, that the original letter was in the possession of Mr. Russell previous to the communication being made to Mr. Ahmuty by Ghalib Alli. Mr. Ahmuty unfortunately does not mention the date of the communication made to him in the first instance by Ghalib Alli, but if Captn. Hogg is correct what a direct & complete contradiction it is to Mr. Russell's information ; besides exposing the complicated nature of the whole of this transaction it gives the most distinct refutation to the assertion made by Mooktedda. It is at all events a very extraordinary fact & which cannot in my opinion be borne out by any explanation that, if, as Mr. Russell has represented, the Communication was not made to him until the 15th July, what could have been the motives which induced Mohummed Alli & Ahmed Alli to keep back the information for so long a time, having procured the letter from Captn. Hogg on the 3d June & not to have divulged it till the very period of Mr. Russell's departure for Calcutta. Moreover, that no communication should have been made to the Government of the receipt of this letter until an explanation is required by it bears altogether a most unpleasant & ambiguous aspect. It cannot also but be remarked that while the Nazim is insinuating himself into the good will of Mr. Ahmuty by exposing to him this scandalous & infamous affair—this Mooktedda this creature of His Highness —is communicating to Mr. Russell "all that had been going on in the Commissioner's Court."

* It is I think to be regretted that the Magistrate had not been instructed to enquire particularly into this part of the affair. Ghalib Alli might have been with great propriety examined upon oath, as to the manner in which the original letter came into the possession of the Nazim? How the circumstances came to the knowledge of the Nazim's Ministers? Having had possession of the original letter how it happened to be returned to the party tendering it & for which purpose the copy had been taken? That having possessed the original letter why it had not been detained & presented to Mr. Ahmuty & how intelligence of the fact had not been made to Mr. Ahmuty previous to the original letter being given to Mr. Russell—Queries of this nature would have elucidated a great deal particularly as the answers to them would no doubt have involved other evidence & none of more importance than that of Mooktedda.

10th. Besides these lamentable discrepancies & inconsistences there are many others which would tend to shew the conspiracy to its full extent. I am yet of opinion, that altho' crimes of this nature should not go unpunished, that as the object, in itself, completely failed of effect—that as two of the Agents employed have been punished & that as a further prosecution of the offence might ultimately involve the Government in extreme difficulty, it would be better to let the matter subside.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 12th July 1824.

William Loch,
A. G. G.

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A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 25th Ultimo communicating to me the leave granted to Lieutt. Buxton and desiring me to report the arrangements I would propose for carrying on the work connected with the new palace during the absence of that officer.

2d. It appears to me that the best plan for facilitating the object, would be to adopt immediate steps for clearing the spot which may be determined on for the site of the palace ; to collect materials, and to have every impediment removed, so that, by the time Lieutt. Buxton returns, the progress of the building may be prosecuted without delay.

3d. Considerable difficulty exists in regard to the site—His Highness is decidedly against the spot pointed out by Lieutt. Buxton & myself ; & it becomes necessary to lay the circumstances before the Government to enable us to proceed accordingly. No doubt, the spot, on which, the present dwelling stands is very beautiful, but it is necessary to erect the present one at a greater distance from the river than was formerly contemplated. This arrangement therefore, would bring the building so close upon the Muhul Seraie that, the space between them, would be extremely confined and thereby affecting the appearance of and injuring the approach to the palace. His Highness has endeavoured to remove these objections by suggesting the removal of the Deoories, including that of the Ameeroonissa Begum which, has just been completed at a very large expence. Of course such an extravagant idea cannot for a moment be listened to, and I shall now proceed to lay before the Government the plans which appeared to Lieutt. Buxton & myself by far the most feasible, and the most likely to meet the approbation of the Right Hon'ble the Governor Genl.

4th. To the north of the present dwelling beyond the "Naubut Khana," there is an extensive area surrounded by many buildings, the removal of which, will be of little consequence to the parties concerned ; their removal too, will not occasion a much larger expenditure of money than will be at all events incurred. The extent of the area first attracted our attention and a further examination of its natural qualities and situation pointed it out to be by far the finest spot for our

purpose. I also took the opportunity of our visit to the Muhul Seraie on the 1st Instt. to point out the spot to Lieutt. Coll. Parlby, whose knowledge, of the Killah, fully qualifies him to give an opinion upon this matter, and he distinctly expressed his approbation, and thought it by far the most eligible spot that could be chosen.

5th. A rough delineation of the Killah, accompanies this, by which, the Right Hon'ble the Govr. Genl. in Council will be the more readily able to understand the plans we entertain.

6th. The area in question has to the west on the bank of the river the Kitchen, a range of stables, a few out houses, and some other buildings in a very delapidated state. To the north are the Imambara & some ruins of houses. To the East are the premises of the Nuwab Munglee, and to the south are the Muhul Seraie of His Highness's Begum and the Naubut Khana.

7th. The Kitchen, is in so great a state of delapidation, that it's removal, will be necessary at all events, and must come under the general estimate for the palace—the stables too, will be included in the same, as they are merely temporary buildings, and the other out houses likewise, will come under the same calculation. Therefore, the removal and rebuilding of these, will incur no further expence than has been contemplated from the first. The Naubut Khana, with the different apartments attached to it, must be removed, as also the Begum's Zenana, and the whole of the premises belonging to the Meer Munglee. The Begums Zenana, is in a very bad state of repair and must ultimately be renewed. I have it therefore in contemplation and beg to recommend the proposition to His Lordship's consideration, that this Muhul, be razed, and one built for the Begum on the ground of the Muhul Seraie generally known by the name of the Chotee Kotee within these Premises there is now a very neat set of apartments which would be sufficient for the Begum's personal accommodation, and by enlarging the compound, which can be done, and erecting apartments in the same style as those of the Ameeroonissa Begum's Muhul, very excellent accommodation can be given to those attached to the Muhul Seraie.

8th. The most serious consideration is the removal of the premises belonging to the Nuwab Munglee. The arrangement I beg to suggest, is that a new building be erected for him of the same character & description as the present one, which being pulled down, the materials can be sold piece-meal ; but the great difficulty is to find an eligible spot for the new house. The Nuwab is particularly anxious it should be in the City on account of his family who are averse to be at any distance from town, and it is proper, I think, their inclination should be consulted and indulged in this respect I had determined on a spot immediately opposite to the Nuwab's present dwelling, but upon an examination of the place, I found that the expence in purchasing out the present incumbents would be very great, & after all, the situation would be confined and unpleasant. Meer Munglee has now acquainted me with another spot which will answer our purpose in every respect if it can be procured. It is situated below the Killah, to the south, and immediately adjoining to the premises belonging to the late Umber Ally Khan, and which, are now the property of His Highness. The obstacle to be removed in the purchase of the ground in question, is a tender, which it would seem, His Highness had made sometime ago to the proprietor, since which, however, no further mention has been made of it. I have spoken to Rai Gungadhur, to endeavour to arrange the matter, and if the plan generally now under discussion, meets the approbation of His Lordship in Council, I should beg to propose the adoption of this arrangement for the accommodation of the Nuwab Munglee.

9th. The next object for consideration is the Imambarah—This building is in a state of great delapidation, and must in the course of a short time fall to ruins. It is much in the way, and no doubt, its removal, would add much to the improvement of the spot we have chosen. The Imambarrah was originally I believe, considered a building erected at the private expence of Seraja Dowlah ; it was repaired and enlarged by the Munny Begum, but previously & subsequent to the Commee. of 1822, the expences attending it were defrayed from the public funds. It would be therefore expedient I think, to keep the probable expence attending the removal and reconstruction of another in view, and to provide for this exigency out of the funds we shall have at our disposal.

10th. It becomes now a matter of consideration, how these arrangements should be carried into effect, if they meet the approbation of the Government.

11th. Lieutt. Buxton's people are now here, and through their agency the materials can be collected. This part of the arrangement I can easily undertake myself, and I would not hesitate to offer my services in carrying into effect the other plans proposed in this letter, but I am apprehensive my want of experience may lead me into error ; no doubt, the execution of the work, could be safely entrusted to Lieutt. Buxton's superintending carpenter and his native overseer ; and the plans & estimates might be submitted to the usual authorities for inspection and approbation, but it would be impossible for me to render myself subject to the controul of those authorities, under the circumstances stated of my inexperience in matters of this description. I should propose the charge of the work to be committed to Lieutt. Coll. Parlby, but delicacy towards that Gentleman prevents the suggestion, for it would not be pleasing to him, I should imagine, connected as the two duties are, to be employed upon the inferior work while his junior officer is appointed to perform the other. The services of the District Barrack Master, might possibly be available, and if so, I would strongly recommend that they should be engaged for this purpose ; or should this be impossible, a person might be appointed under the controul of, and be made responsible to the Superintendent of Buildings, while, I could inspect his conduct and be the vehicle of communication. These are the only arrangements I can suggest.

12th. I beg to take the opportunity of mentioning to you, the absolute necessity that a new Muhul Seraie should be erected for the Bhow Begum. Her apartments generally, are in a very dangerous state, indeed the better part of those belonging to her servants have fallen to ruins. Coll. Parlby took the opportunity on the 1st Instt. of walking with me over the whole of the premises, and we then determined on a plan which, I think, will answer admirably.

13th. It is impossible to state what the removal and reconstruction of the several buildings brought under notice in this letter, will cost, but I should suspect not less than 1,50,000 Rs.

14th. I shall of course wait the further orders of the Government before I take any steps in these arrangements, and I will then submit my opinion, as to the most expedient mode of commencing our plans. In the meantime, I will proceed to carry Lieutt. Buxton's wishes into effect in regard to the collection of Materials. —I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 13th July 1824.

Wm. Loch,
A. G. G.

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A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 11 Ultimo communicating to me, the intention of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, to comply with the solicitation of Koonwur Hurrinauth, by conferring upon him, the titles of his father, the Rajah Lokenauth. You inform me also, that, before final orders are passed upon this matter, it will be incumbent on me, to ascertain the precise nature of Rajah Lokenauth's title, by examining the Sunnud or other document under which he held it.

2d. On receiving these instructions I sent for Hurrinauth's agent and questioned him as to the essential points to be ascertained, and he informed me, that the Title enjoyed by Rajah Lokenauth was conferred upon him by the Nuwab Dillair Jung, (Bubbir Jung,) that in regard to a Sunnud or other document by which he held the Title, he feared, none could be found unless the Nizamut record office produced one. I then asked him, if any letter from the Govr. Genl. could be procured, to shew the validity and nature of the Title, or any official paper from high authority. He doubted the possibility of producing any letter from the Governor General, but he thought he could put into my possession an official paper from the Board of Revenue, in which, the titles were distinctly acknowledged. I desired this person to search for and bring me whatever papers he could find, and I also requested Rai Gungadhur, to make enquiry into his office as to the fact of the title being bestowed by the Nuwab Bubber Jung, and to ascertain whether, it had been acknowledged by the British Government.

3d. Many days after this communication had been made, Hurrinauth's agent appeared and presented to me the enclosed title deed, which had been obtained from the Board of Revenue, in confirmation of the purchase of certain lands, made by the late Rajah, at a public sale. Gungadhur informs me that, not a vestige of a Sunnud or other document is to be found in his office, nor does the title even appear to have been recorded, at the same time, there seems to be no doubt that the title borne upon the deed of sale granted by the Board of Revenue is the one he enjoyed.

4th. Although it is to be regretted that a better authenticated right to the Title should not be produced, yet there can be no doubt as to the title having been given to the Rajah, and of its having been in general use, so much so, that the Collectors and other authorities in writing to or of the Rajah always addressed and spoke of him as Moha Raja Bahadoor.

5th. In the days when this Title was conferred by the Nazim, no objection on the part of our Government existed to the practice of granting honors, in fact, it was very usually observed, and it was not, I apprehend, until the prerogative became shamefully abused that it was prohibited by the Government.

6th. Koonwur Hurrinauth is still in Calcutta where I have thought right he should remain, until, the final determination of the Government should be passed.

7th. In mentioning the name of Rajah Oodwunt Sing it was not particularly my intention to push him forward as a precedent, it merely appeared to me that, to put so young a man, as Hurrinauth is, on an equal footing with a person of Oodwunt Sing's character, consequence & respectability, would be conferring a very great favor and a marked distinction upon him, and would have been, I conceived, sufficiently gratifying to his vanity, the title, having been on a former occasion refused ; & I also thought that at a future period perhaps when his character and disposition became more fully known & established he might then have been complimented with the increased honors enjoyed by his father.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 16th July 1824.

Wm. Loch,
A. G. G.

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose 3 Audited Bills amounting to Sicca Rs. 3,868—with receipts in duplicate for the amount, which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 21 July 1824.

Wm. Loch,
A. G. G.

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A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have from time to time made you acquainted by private communications, of the indisposition under which His Highness the Nazim of Bengal has been & is now labouring.

2d. You have been informed by me, of the particular and unaccountable disinclination His Highness had evinced to receive my visits, as well as of those persons attached to his person and belonging to his own establishment. That the only persons admitted to his presence

were Ghalib Alli Khan, his brother Roushen Alli Khan and the physicians attending His Highness also, at times Rai Gungadhur. I also intimated to you, I had at last prevailed upon the Nuwab to see me, and that, in my opinion he did not appear to be so ill as he wished me to suppose. On that interview I begged of him to see Mr. Savages, or any other medical Gentleman he might please to call to his aid, and that he positively declined the attendance of any English professional gentleman. His Highness's manner of conversation, on that occasion tho' mixed with some very strange, and I may say, very vulgar observations, did not shew any symptom of a mind weakened by disease ; and that, he was not quite awake to everything that was being transacted about him. I found him indeed, in such good health & spirits upon the whole, that I prolonged my visit beyond the period I had intended ; I took the opportunity too, of presenting him with a musical clock with which he seemed to be highly delighted, yet, it did not escape my observation, that in making his acknowledgements for the presents, he did so with a very restrained grace.

3d. His Highness's indisposition having been a few days ago reported to me to have materially encreased, I addressed a letter to Ghalib Alli Khan desiring him to acquaint me particularly as to the state of the Nazim's health, and expressing my wish to call upon His Highness. The civility and attention I intended towards His Highness has been declined in the most rude & insulting manner possible, and were I not willing to suppose that H. Highness's mind was influenced by some unhappy mental incapacity, I should feel myself placed in a most serious & awkward predicament.

4th. The day on which I had determined to visit His Highness I had occasion also to go to Sait Dhocul Chund's, on business ; and I likewise had to call upon the two Begums. No answer having at this time been received from Ghalib Alli, I had directed a note to be sent to Raie Gungadhur to ascertain the point for me. On my way from the Ameeroonissa Begum's to the Bhow Begum's apartments, I received Ghungadhur's reply, informing me, that His Highness could not see me. I was much struck with the earnest manner in which he wrote. As I had not time to make enquiry into the meaning of this, I proceeded to Dhocul Chund's on my return having occasion to visit the burial ground at Jaffragunge where the tomb of Nusseeroodeen Hyder is *now* being constructed, I alighted from my carriage, and proceeded to the gate. Having entered, I was addressed by the Sepoy on duty, and told by him in a very respectful manner, that he had received orders, directing, that he was not to permit any English gentlemen to enter the burial ground and hoped I would leave it. I asked him from whom he got his order, and if these orders were meant to extend to the Agent. His orders he said were sent by His Highness the Nazim, but in regard to their extending to the Agent he was at a loss what to say. This circumstances combined with the notes from Gungadhur did excite in my mind considerable astonishment which was encreased upon my arrival at home, to find, that Raie Gungadhur had called upon me in great haste during my absence, & on my writing table, I found a letter from Ghalib Alli Khan, in reply to mine, conveying His Highness decided refusal to see me, and intimating to me, in the latter part of his letter, that he was commanded by H. Highness to state that until I had complied with H. Highness's desire that Ruhan, a Eunuch, at present attending upon the Ameeroonissa Begum should be delivered up to him, he would not admit my visits. The particulars attending this circumstance I will state hereafter, and now proceed with the relation immediately before us. Upon reading the letter above alluded to and considering the circumstances which had occurred in the course of that day, and recollecting the many coarse and improper messages which [had] been sent to me for the last month and a half, I determined, to enquire thoroughly into the matter, and desired therefore, that Ghalib Alli should attend me this morning by the message received in reply to my requisition doubts. seemed to be entertained that he would be allowed to attend. About ten O'Clock the Moonshee of my office made a request to speak to me immediately. On entering my room he said, with some agitation, I rejoice Sir you did not enter the Killah yesterday ; orders were given to oppose your entrance. Every Sepoy was armed and the Commanding Officer was on guard. Had you made an attempt to pass the Gate they had orders to resist you and had you persevered they were directed to make use of their arms against your person. I questioned this officer very particularly in regard to his information, and asked him, if there were any one of respectability below who could confirm it. He mentioned Busteelal the Bhow Begum's Dewan who he supposed, might be able to give me information on the subject. He was sent for and he certainly corroborated the greater part of the Moonshee's information. He stated that the Sepahees were under arms and that he understood they were directed to oppose my entrance. On being questioned, particularly, in regard to the nature of the opposition which he understood was to be made, he declared his ignorance on the point. He then said of his own accord—You asked me, Sir yesterday, to read to you a part of the note you received from Gungadhur. I was then aware of the orders which had been issued, and I felt extremely desirous to communicate my feelings upon the occasion, but when I observed you had given up the idea of going I was satisfied. I then recollected perfectly the man's breathless manner of speech to me, and a degree of anxiety depicted on his countenance and that of Ruhan Alli Khan the Nazir of the Deeooree it also came to my mind the extraordinary conduct of Ruhan (the person above alluded to,) when I proposed going direct from the apartment of Ameeroonissa Begum to the Killah. When I mentioned my intention and directed them to ascertain from the Nazim's servants if I might be admitted & making at the same time a movement forward ; the Eunuch threw himself before me, and said, don't attempt Sir to go by this way, if *you go at all* go by the Chouke through the Great Gateway ; I recollect also the Begum calling out to another Eunuch not to think of permitting one to go by the door which leads into the Killah.

5th. I really felt quite puzzled what to think of all these circumstances and almost at a loss to determine how to act. His Highness was reported to me to be in a very dangerous state of health. Instance of his mental capacity & energy had been repeated to me, while at the same time, the irritable & ungovernable state of his temper, at certain period, was represented as quite

terrible, and led him to commit the severest cruelties.

6th. The first impulse of my mind was really to ascertain in person how far the communication was true. I felt quite assured I should run no danger in risquing my person, and being aware of the order, I should not have proceeded further than to have ascertained the fact. I soon abandoned the idea however when I considered how great the insult would be, were even opposition made to me, & that the offence made upon my person, would be direct insult to the Govr. Genl. I then called to my recollection all the circumstances which had occurred during the period I had been in charge of the office of Agent, and endeavoured to search for any particular event with which H. Highness could accuse me. I felt satisfied of having performed of my duty, and I shall in the conclusion of this address recapitulate the various circumstances which have happened, to enable the Right Hon'ble the Governor Genl. in Council fully to judge of my conduct, and whether, there has been any part of it in the least degree undeserving or deserving the indignity which has been offered the British Government through me. I will now however proceed to state the measures I had determined to adopt, and to represent the result of the circumstances as they occurred in the course of today.

7th. Having satisfied myself that my actions had invariably been promoted by a sense of duty, and from the best motives, I did not feel any hesitation in addressing H. Highness and demanding from him an explanation. Desiring him distinctly to state what his views were whether the guards had by his orders been directed, to oppose me, and to tell me explicitly, the reason, of conduct in every respect so insulting & improper. This letter I had written and had enclosed it in another to Ghalib Alli in which I told that person to submit the enclosed to H. Highness that His Highness's conduct had been highly offensive to me—that he as His Highness's counseller & adviser would be held deeply responsible for the events which might occur, that I had determined not to submit to the many indignities which H. Highness had on several other occasions, as well as the present, offered to me—that the Governor General had already warned the Nazim to be more careful in his conduct, otherwise, coercion should be used—and I concluded by again warning Ghalib Alli as to the possible result of this affair, and desired him distinctly to inform me of the nature of the orders which had been issued—by whom given and what the object was in giving such orders, and I then alluded to the circumstance which had occurred at the Jaffragunge Burial Ground.

8th. These letters were on the point of dispatch when Ghalib Alli himself appeared. His appearance evinced severe indisposition, great agitation and much dejection of mind. On his being seated I said to him, "Ghalib Alli, there are very extraordinary circumstances which have occurred. These steps which H. Highness has thought proper to adopt will end in his ruin should he persevere in them." I received no reply. I then asked after the Nuwab's health. He said with much agitation ; I cannot tell you how H. Highness is. I am quite at a loss to conjecture what has come to my master his mind & disposition are quite altered—from being once a humane, generous and excellent young man, he has become the reverse—formerly when he committed a folly would listen to my advice, but he has gradually weared himself from my influence, and he now, Sir, often abuse me as any common black guard, God only knows, Sir how faithfully I have served this young man. He has been child from about his earliest day, I have spared no pains in advising him well, and believe me Sir, I have especially directed him to attend to your wishes—but he will listen to nothing and only follow the inclination of his wayward temper. He tells me that I am a vagabond like the rest and have entered into the league against him —but have compassion upon him Sir, his mind is not his own be tender towards his infirmities. The agitation of Ghalib Alli had by this time become very great and he burst into tears. When he became composed I asked minutely into the nature of His Highness's disorder. He mentioned that in the course of the 24 hours his fever attacked him usually twice attended sometimes by shivering that a considerable swelling appeared at the pit of the stomach which introduced under his left ribs that he was frequently sick and his appetite had entirely failed him—that if he stood up he seemed almost to suffer suffocation gasping wildly for breath—consequently—that no inducement scarcely could make him rise even for the most essential purposes. He then stated that he was more reduced in appearance than when I saw him—his voice was strong and he talked as much as usual—he displayed no mental derangement in his conversation—but that he shewed the utmost impatience and irritability whenever he called to his mind the circumstance of his being under any controul—he conceived himself to be an independant prince and no one had a right to give him advice—he frequently took my name, speaking of me, with great bitterness. I took that opportunity to say to Ghalib Alli—"I am much astonished H. Highness should bear me this enmity, and I cannot conceive from what it has particularly arisen—of what is it that H. Highness complains?" "It is impossible Sir" he replied, "to tell you all he says, but whatever he does urge against you is without the slightest grounds of justice." I then desired him to mention that which seemed to disturb him most, he said he had never forgiven my having written the letter recapitulating the conversation which took place on the business of the Ameeroonissa Begum. I observed to Ghalib Alli, that I had submitted that letter with every other to the Governor General and not the slightest impropriety had been pointed out in it, that in fact, I had taken great pain to avoid anything which could possibly give the slightest offence—Ghalib Alli not only fully admitted this, but he distinctly and unequivocally declared that my conduct in that affair was quite as it ought to have been—indeed letter which I have since received from H. Highness & to which I shall hereafter allude quite confirm the whole tenor of my conduct and the conjecture I had formed on the occasion to have been quite correct. I then questioned Ghalib Alli in regard to the orders given to the guards—he said they had orders to say to me H. Highness could not be seen—he also in a manner admitted that they were under arms and would have opposed me had I entered the Killah Gate. I then alluded to the conduct of the Sepoy at Jafferagunge, and observed, that orders must have been given to that Guard sometime ago, and subsequent to the period of my having brought to notice the neglected state of Nusseeroodeen Hyder's tomb. He hesitated in replying to this. At last he said, "what mis-

fortunes do accumulate upon us what can I say. The truth is, Sir, when I saw His Highness this morning the first thing he said to me was Mr. Loch was at Jaffragunge yesterday morning his visits has been reported to me, and the questions put by him to the Sepoy have been repeated to me. He has sent for you assuredly to speak to you upon this affair. Tell him, from me, the orders were intended essentially for him, and that, without my particular permission, he has no right to visit the Jaffragunge burial ground nor will I permit it." I observed to Ghalib Alli that this communication gave me much astonishment for surely the Nazim was fully aware that I had the authority to visit every public buildings belonging to the Nizamut including the Jaffragunge burial ground whenever I thought proper—that when business or inclination had ever induced me to visit the Killah I had invariably, previously to doing so intimated my intention to H. Highness, that whether it was H. Highness's pleasure or not to admit me to his privacy, still I conceived, that, it was offering an insult to the Governmt. to refuse me admittance to the palace, where my presence could not in the slightest degree disturb H. Highness, and I felt that, it was my particular duty to be near H. Highness's person if he was seriously indisposed, and that H. Highness had not the power to prevent me. I also added, that in the course of a few days I expected to receive orders regarding the buildings to be carried on within the Killah, and that, my attendance there, would be so constant, and the periods of my visit so various and uncertain, that, I should be obliged to drop the usual courtesy of intimating my intended visits, that in fact, I conceived the compliment was necessary only when the visit was intended to be a personal one to the Nuwab, or when, I apprehended I might unwittingly intrude upon H. Highness. Ghalib Alli quite coincided with me in these sentiments—he took the opportunity of saying H. Highness was not at all anxious to have an English palace, but I pointed out to him, at once, the object the English Government had in erecting the palace. I put him in mind of the wishes originally signified by the Nazim himself, and how constantly he desired to possess an English house before his elevation to the Musnud. That, besides, the Govr. Genl. in Council having decided upon the measure, and as the plans were now in progress it would be improper again to agitate the matter. Moreover, the palace was a public building, and not intended for the personal gratification of Seyed Ahmed Alli Khan, but it was to be the residence of succeeding Nazims.

9th. Much other conversation took place, in which, also, I alluded to the very improper style of the communication made to me in the letter I received yesterday. He assured me, it was dictated by the Nazim, and that, he had not the power of preventing it's dispatch. Upon my alluding more particularly to the case of the Eunuch, Ruhan, and of my having explained the affair to the Nazim in a letter addressed by me to H. Highness, he, entirely, and in every respect, coincided in the justice of my opinion and in the directions I had given in the case.

10th. Upon taking leave of me he again beseeched me to have compassion upon his Master who, he hoped through God's mercy, would yet be restored to a sense of his own welfare & happiness.

11th. I will now repeat to you for the information of the Govr. Genl. in Council, the different instances under which His Highness and myself have disagreed in opinion, and will leave it entirely to His Lordship in Council, to determine, how far my conduct has been correct or otherwise, and if, under any of the circumstances which have occurred, the conduct of H. Highness can be justified ; and whether, it is possible, under these circumstances the affairs of the Nizamut can proceed on such terms for the future.

12th. The most prominent of these several occurrences, is the unfortunate affair which took place between H. Highness and the Ameeroonissa Begum. It occurred before my arrival at Moorshedabad, but the ultimate enquiry, negotiation and report were left to me. The whole of the papers in this case, were laid before the Govr. General in Council, and a decision passed accordingly. My enquiry and report are founded on the circumstances stated in the letter addressed by me to His Highness under date the 5th Feby. 1824.

13th. After four months silence, H. Highness pleased to reply to that letter, and two months, after the decision of Government had been furnished him. He comments upon both communications in a very improper, and vulgar way, arguing the case, on directly opposite principles to which the Government have received it. The letters, have been returned, as I felt desirous the matter should not go further, for they were sent just as his present indisposition commenced & I was willing to attribute them to the production of a feverish brain.

14th. The next occasion of offence was the discussion in regard to the site of the Palace, which subject is now before the Government.

15th. The third proceeded from a matter of etiquette when H. Highness obliged my Chobedar to deliver my letter to a Sepoy at the outer Gate way of the Killah in the Chouke, instead of being permitted to approach the Gate of the Naubut Khana, where it had been invariably the practise to receive letters from the Agent. That to do otherwise, was disrespectful to the Govr. Genl. and I insisted upon this custom being complied with as heretofore.

16th. The fourth cause of our disagreement was a refusal on my part to make application to the Government for a provision for his Hurrums. This application to me was made by Gungadhur at H. Highness's command. I told Gungadhur it was not in my power that I was surprised H. Highness could make an application of the Kind—that having disbursement his privy purse of all pensioners he was fully able to pay the expences of his own personal dependents—that as the Government had distinctly refused an allowance to his Begum, I should be acting very improperly were I to make any kind of application of the nature in question.

17th. The case regarding Ruhan is the fifth cause of offence and about which he seems to be very indignant—Ruhan was Eunuch purchased by the late Walida Begum, and with the other Eunuchs was delivered over to the Nuwab's Deoorhee. On the Ameeroonissa Begum being put upon the Musnud, Bussunt Alli Khan who was then Nazir of the Begum's Deoorhee found difficulty in carrying on the duties attached to his office, without further assistance, and for this purpose, procured from the Nawab's Muhul, the Eunuch in question. Until the late disagreement between the Begum & H. Highness not a word seems to have been said about the man, but in the course of that enquiry he was claimed—Aware of the

Nuwab's violent temper, I really entertained every apprehension in delivering up the man, & I deferred entering upon the matter until lately, when His Highness became so urgent upon the point, I felt myself bound to call upon the Begum to afford me an explanation of the circumstances attending this man's case, and I verbally intimated to her, that as by Mr. Monckton arrangements, she appeared to have at her disposal, four Eunuchs, formerly attached to the Munny Begum's Establishment, I thought it would be incumbent upon her, to give up Ruhan without hesitation. She expressed her readiness to do so, but said, the four Eunuchs to whom you allude tho' *paid by me*, do not attend my Deoorhee. I asked an explanation, and she informed me, that Mr. Monckton had appointed the four Eunuchs, to whom, I referred, to attend the Walida Begum's Deoorhee, but the men having quarrelled, amongst themselves, chose to refer the matter to His late Highness. The Walida Begum not particularly requiring their services, told them, that as they had thought fit to go to His Highness to seek redress, they might stay there altogether—they did so - However, their services to the Ameeroonessa Begum would be of essential use, while, from the number H. Highness possesses this event can be of no consequence to him ; and the same, had often been mentioned to H. Highness without affect. These officers still continue to receive their pay from the Begum's Deoorhee, and are regularly entered upon her Establishment, as appertaining to the Munny Begum's list of servants, and were appointed by Mr. Monckton, to attend the Deoorhee. Having listened to these circumstances, I requested Her Highness, to represent the matter in the reply she was to furnish me with, in answer to the letter I had addressed to her. She did so and I will candidly acknowledge, I felt a great degree of pleasure, in being able to furnish a good reason, for not delivering up Ruhan immediately to H. Highness, for I well know the dreadful chastisement that might awaited the poor man, and I saw my impotency to prevent it, were he once to fall into the hand of His Highness. With these feelings therefore, I addressed His Highness, and informed him, I was sensible to the right he claimed to Ruhan; that the Begum equally acknowledged it, and that, she was quite prepared to give him up, but, at the same time, to be deprived of so good a servant would inconvenience her extremely, therefore, I doubted not, H. Highness would allow him to remain until these Eunuch Mr. Monckton had appointed to attend the Deeoorhee, returned when H. Highness might depend upon it, that Ruhan should be delivered up to him immediately I also took the opportunity of bringing to His Highness's recollection, the terms of the Walida Begum's request in regard to her old servants, and that, he was accordingly bound to provide for them, instead of which, the Begum had supported them from her privy purse from the time she assumed the Musnud. I have received no further reply to this letter than what has been conveyed to me in Ghalib Alli's letter, but I have reason to suppose, H. Highness is acquainted with the sentiments contained in my letter, as they appeared to have met the eye of Ghalib Alli, at least, so I collected from his conversation.

18th. In regard to the case at Jaffragunge, the matter was simply this ; one moving [morning?] happened to be in that neighbourhood and I thought it would be well to visit the burial ground to see that the Supt. performed his duty in Keeping the tombs and the ground generally in good order—after looking at and making enquiries as to the several tombs I came to one which was left in a very neglected state indeed many of them required repairs. I was informed that the one I had particularly observed was the Nuwab Nussuroodeen Hyder's. I was astonished to hear this Sir I know finish [*sic*] had been put aside for building the Tomb and His Highness's uncle having dead [*sic*] for about two years, I thought it shewed great neglect on the part of the Superintt. I spoke to Gungadhur about it and he requested that it should be mentioned officially by letter when the money for its execution would be obtained from the Treasury. In bringing this circumstances to notice I could not for a moment suppose I had done anything to create dissatisfaction.

19th. I have now only to state as additional cause of irritation against me on the part of the Nazim vizt. that, it would seem His Highness had collected the sense of my reports to the Government regarding the character of his Ministers, and on the general statement of accounts of the Nizamut and particularly as regards the relations and dependents of the family & has since then indeed, distinctly learnt from myself, the views I entertained for a reform in the system of the Nizamut. He was also made acquainted with the suspecion existing against his officers in the case of conspiracy, and he has lately learnt by some means the report I made to the Government in regard to the Adawlut ool alea—The last offence, of which, I have been guilty was committed on the 1st Instt. On this day the Government are aware, Colonel Parlby, Captn. Shuldham & myself, visited the Muhul Seraie of the Ameeroonissa Begum to report upon it to the Government. We went early in the morning and breakfasted in the Dewan Khana before the survey took place, & consequently, previous to its being transferred to the Begum. Our having breakfasted in this place has given His Highness great offence, and on this score he has purposely made observations to be conveyed to me, and he has also complained of the intrusion of Coll. Parlby and myself in visiting the spot proposed for the site of the Palace. I am not aware of having been guilty of any impropriety in the first act, and in regard to the second, I took particular care to send intimation to H. Highness of our purposed visit, & at the same time for what purpose.

20th. I think I have laid before the Government every circumstance of grievance against me, I leave it with full confidence to His Lordship in Council, to determine, whether I could have acted otherwise than I have done. I might indeed in opposition to the several causes of offence so unwittingly given to H. Highness by me set forth the pains I have invariably taken to reconcile matter, the attention I have studiously paid to His Highness, and the anxiety I have always evinced, to place His Highness on such a footing with his family, as would insure, not only to himself, a most enviable situation, but would enable him to distribute to them every blessing in this world can be bestowed. I will not however trouble His Lordship with this detail but proceed to the conclusion of this address.

21st. It becomes not only a matter of great difficulty, but of much delicacy for me to offer an opinion as to any measures to be adopted in this case. Affairs cannot how-

ever be allowed to remain as they are. Business is now totally put a stop to. I am willing to make every allowance for H. Highness's indisposition, but surely, the fact ought to be ascertained by me whether he is ill or not, to the serious degree stated by Ghalib Alli, & whether his conduct proceeded from a temporary mental weakness or a removal disaffection of the disposition. If labouring under the former surely any orders given by him ought not to be issued ; and if the latter, the insult he has offered to the Government in my person, ought not to be submitted to. If the Government deem it proper that I should ascertain these points, I wish to Know from His Lordship in Council, that in case, this humour should continue, and his soldiers be directed to oppose my entrance, how it would become me to conduct myself. The following method I propose that I shall again address Ghalib Alli, and demand of him in the name of the Govr. General that he will procure for me admittance to H. Highness I will intimate to him that I shall be attended by Mr. Savage the Civil Surgeon of this station that our intended visit is for the purpose of ascertaining His Highness's state of health and of rendering any assistance in our power. Should he decline the visit & supposing the orders to his Sepoys are still in force, should I proceed with Dr. Savage to the Killah, and upon being stopped, send for the commanding officer, & tell him, that I come for the purpose of visiting H. Highness by the order of the Governor General—that I am His Lordship's representative, and in his name, I demanded admittance. Upon this, I am sure to be admitted, for the officer in command, is a sensible man & knows perfectly how far he dare go. The greatest difficulty will be to gain admittance to the Bungalow where H. Highness now usually resides, and into which, we cannot with any propriety force our way. However in which predicament I would send for Ghalib Alli Khan & Raie Gungadhur, and desire them, to intimate to His Highness the orders of His Lordship ; that Dr. Savage & myself had come accordingly to see him & report upon his case. Notwithstanding this should he persevere in his refusal to see us, I think he should then be informed it had become indispensable to nominate a person to officiate for him during his indisposition, mentioning at the same time the person, who had been nominated to act by the Govr. Genl. in Council. If after this communication he still remained obstinate, the appointment of the person to act, should be proclaimed, & the event should be communicated to the Nazim through the same channel. He should be informed that every honor & respect should be paid to his person, and a *guard* of honor composed of Sepoys from the line should be appointed to attend him, and that he should distinctly understand he was not to leave the area in which his Bungalow is situated without the sanction of the Agent —that in every other respect, the acting Nazim should execute, and perform, the duties of Nazim, and enjoy all its privileges during the time he should officiate.

22d. The importance of this communication, will I trust plead my excuse for the great detail into which I have been led. I hope at the same time, that His Lordship in Council will take the whole matter into his most serious consideration, and that, whatever line of conduct His Highness may ultimately pursue such measures will be adopted by the Government as to prevent a repetition of conduct altogether so unjustifiable & improper.

23d. In the hope of an early communication.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, W. Loch,
the 22d July 1824. *A. G. G.*

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A. Smelt Esqr.,
Collector of Govt. Customs, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose Copy of a letter from Mureum oonissa Begum to my address, & I beg you will have the goodness to comply with the request therein contained.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, W. Loch,
the 22 July 1824. *A. G. G.*

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A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—On the 22d Instt. I was constrained to bring to the notice of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council the very extraordinary and unaccountable line of conduct, which had been lately pursued by the Nuwab Nazim.

2d. Whether the friends who are constantly with H. Highness had become alarmed at the proceedings which had been and were being adopted or from what other cause I am not distinctly informed but on the morning of the day before yesterday Ghalib Alli Khan waited on me and after delivering some strange messages from H. Highness he told me that H. Highness he considered to be in extreme danger and his violence & misconduct were encreasing daily. He begged of me to visit him with Dr. Savage and to adopt measures for his future welfare. After much of conversation in regard to the events which had occurred, in the course of which, Ghalib Alli told me H. Highness had destroyed the letter which I had sent to him upon the subject of Ruhan, the Eunuch, it was agreed that I should visit him this morning in company with Dr. Savage. In the meantime incidents occurred which tended more than ever to support the suspecion of H. Highness's mind being affected and I felt therefore the greater desire to obtain a personal interview to judge for myself assisted of course by the opinion of Mr. Savage.

3d. We called upon H. Highness this morning and I was certainly struck with the change which had taken place in his appearance. Mr. Savage made most particular enquiries into his state of health of which the enclosed is his written opinion and we took every pains to ascertain the steadiness of his mind by his manner of conversation & otherwise. His demeanour was perfectly correct and his manner as polite as it is in his nature to be. The delicate state of health under which he laboured forbade any allusion to recent events, and tho' I feel quite happy to be able to recommend mild & con-

ciliatory measures to be adopted at present and as long as he may labour under this illness I am yet of opinion a decided tone should be used hereafter upon the occasion of these irregularities and positive means taken to prevent any repetition of them.

4th. It distinctly appears to me now, that under the state of bodily infirmity His Highness has been labouring for sometime past, whatever irregularities have been committed might easily have been prevented by the timely and proper interference of those friends more immediately attending upon his person. His temper always hasty has become more so from being worked upon by disease, without proper pains taken to soothe the spirit.

5th. I deem Ghalib Alli Khan and his brother Roushun Alli Khan highly culpable in this respect and think they ought to be held almost entirely responsible for the acts which have transpired. I would not desire that any fmmediate steps should be taken against them, but it does appear to me highly improper to allow persons to remain about the person of H. Highness who will not or cannot use common discretion in H. Highness's affairs ; & thro' whose want of good guidance very unpleasant measures might have been adopted against H. Highness. It is equally necessary for me to remark that whatever my compassion for H. Highness's present state of health may lead me to recommend yet, I am of opinion the whole tenor of his conduct only distinctly evince the feelings and propensition of his mind & disposition. I feel it therefore necessary to suggest that H. Highness being made of fully sensible of the impropriety of his conduct and of the penalty he would incur by a repetition of the same. I deem it also proper to remind the Government that under existing circumstances the transaction of business is much embarrassed & has indeed almost totally ceased.

6th. By Mr. Savage's report the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council will perceive that no immediate danger is to be feared but every apprehension may be entertained if the system now followed by the native practitioners be persevered in. It is His Highness's intention to communicate to me tomorrow his determination whether to employ Mr. Savage or not.

7th. Before concluding this letter it is proper to mention that His Highness again alluded to the state of his Bungalow, he intimated that he had given up the idea of building at the Motee Jheel & repeated his wish to rebuild the Ayna Mehal. I waved the subject as well as I could hinted to him, that the palace altho' out of repair was still a much more preferable dwelling the one he occupied. He declined the proposition of removing those on the subject of rebuilding the Ayna Mehal I will address you at an future period.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 29th July 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3d of June last together with its enclosures & to forward herewith 2 Lists No. 1 & 2 containing the particulars therein required.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 31 July 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[895]

C. Hogg Esquire,
Attorney at Law, Calcutta.

Sir,—A Warrant having been issued from the Supreme Court at the instance of Gour Bullub on the property lately held possession of by Juggernauth Pershaud Mitter, and as within which property, the land is inclued, on which the house denominated Champapokhur the property of His Highness the Nazim of Bengal is situated some difficulty I fear may arise in satisfying the immediate object of the decree.

2. The land in question was purchased by a former Nazim and H. Highness the Nuwab and his brother have held regular possession of the same ever since the transaction was made. It will now occasion some little trouble to explain to H.H. the nature of the decree which has been given against the estate in favor of Gour Bullub and as H. H. is at this moment labouring under severe indisposition—I feel extremely reluctant to trouble him with a subject which I am sure would give him uneasiness. I have directed H. Highness's officers to furnish me with the papers relating to the estate and I will take an early opportunity of again addressing you upon this subject.

3d. The officer from the Supreme Court who return to Calcutta tomorrow will more particularly explain to you the nature (torn).—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agent's Office,
the 31 July 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

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Charles Hogg Esquire,
Attorney at Law, Calcutta.

Sir,—On the 31 Instant I addressed a letter to you on the subject of a Warrant which had been issued from the Supreme Court at the instance of Gour Bullub who had obtained a decree against Juggernauth Pershaud Mitter and others by which he is to obtain possession of all lands formerly held by the opposite party.

2d. It would appear that the decree extends to a portion of land situated within the domain now denominated Chumpa Pokur the property of His Highness the Nazim of Bengal.

3d. I informed you of His Highness's indisposition and that it would be impracticable for me to disturb him with the subject at present but that I should send for and examine the papers belonging to the estate and communicate to you the result of my enquiries.

4th. The land claimed by Gour Bullub is situated within the village of Jaun Mohumedpore and consists of

about 100 Beegahs. It was originally purchased by Mr. Peter Moore from the Ranee Bewanee who was then the Ranee of Rajeshye. Mr. Moore built a small house upon this spot with suitable out offices attached to it. These premises he sold to the Hon'ble Mr. David Anstruther who disposed of it to the Rajah Rajbullub who was succeeded in his property by his nephews Juggurnauth Pershaud Mitter & Causheenauth Pershaud Mitter his son Mukoond Bullub having died before him.

5th. Juggernauth Pershaud Mitter & Gunga Purshaud Mitter as proprietors of the house and land in question, having sold them to Mr. Pattle, that gentleman razed the buildings and in their room built a large house with extensive offices, at the same time, he purchased much of the adjoining land and combined them within the same compound. These were sold by Mr. Pattle to H. Highness the Nuwab Bubber (torn) Jung's eldest son, and are now possessed by his brother. His late Highness added greatly to the house and it is now a very spacious and valuable edifice.

6th. I have entered into this detail merely to shew the manner in which the property fell into the hands of the Nazim—and to enable me to state to you some grounds of objections which I think His Highness may very justly oppose to the pretension which I understand Gour Bullub purposes to advance. He means I understand not only to lay claim to the land on which the house of Chumpa Pokur is situated but to the houses and every belonging to it. Now it appears to me that the law never can support him in such a proceeding and that his utmost claim can only be for the quantity of land sold by Juggernauth Pershaud Mitter to Mr. Pattle with the value of the house & out offices as they stood at the time of sale.

7th. It is certainly very desirable this matter should be settled amicably but I do not feel myself warranted to proceed in the (torn) obtaining His Highness's wishes upon the subject & indeed it may be necessary to lay it before the Supreme Government involving as it may do a question materially affecting the Nazims dignity.

Under these circumstances I trust you will suspend the further prosecution of the affair until it is in my power to enter more fully upon the subject.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agt. Office,
the 2d August 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

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H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose my Duplicate receipts for the sum of Sa. Rs. seven thousand for the purpose therein specified—& to request the favor of your paying the amount to Pittomber Banerjee.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 2d August 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

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A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—In concluding my letter of the 29th ulto. I mentioned to you the anxiety H. Highness had again expressed regarding the rebuilding of the Ayna Mehal, and that, he had given up the idea of erecting a house at the Motee Jheel.

2d. On the following day Ghalib Alli Khan called upon me and in the course of conversation repeated His Highness's wishes upon this head, with so much earnestness, that I found it quite impossible to resist the entreating without being guilty of a seeming great unkindness which, under existing circumstances, I was anxious to avoid. I felt the more willing to grant the indulgence too, as I had in anticipation, an object, which, if it turned out as I conjectured, the objections which H. Highness at present entertains to the site of the intended palace and the opposition he had altogether & shewn of late to having one of English architecture would be entirely removed.

3d. A few days ago as passing the Killah by water I took the opportunity of examining the site of the Aynah Mehal as connected with that of the palace, and it did not then strike me, that the Aynah Mehal, if rebuilt, would interfere so materially with the spot we had fixed upon, and it appeared to me we might still satisfy the Nuwab's wishes in regard to an Hindoostance house without allowing his taste to interfere in the least degree with the wishes which the Government have so long entertained upon this essential object.

4th. Apprehensive however that I might be mistaken in my idea on the matter, I determined to consult persons better qualified to judge of the matter, but in the interim my consent to the rebuilding of the edifice in question has been wrung from me, but only under conditional terms vizt.—that if hereafter the building is found to be in the way it is to be removed. It also appeared to me that in the event of it's proving to be in the way, still it would be a gratification to H. Highness having the use of it during the time the place would be erecting, and in all likelihood, when he saw the magnificent edifice rising before him his wishes would change as much in it's favor as they are at this moment for that of the Ayna Mehal. It also strikes me, that if the Ayna Mehal does not prove to be materially in the way, he might be allowed to erect other native buildings in it's neighbourhood to be situated further from the bank and to keep to the south of the Mehal.

5th. The expence attending the rebuilding of the Ayna Mehal I reckon will amount to about 25,000 Rs., and any other building he may erect to about the same sum. From the plans I contemplate for the deposit fund these expences would be fully met, without any danger to too great an infringement ; and I sincerely trust, the right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, will approve the motives which have induced me to deviate from the opinion I formerly expressed upon this occasion.

6th. The only hesitation I entertain on the occasion, is the want of confidence I have, in the faithful expenditure of any money which might be entrusted to H. Highness's officers. The Nazims habits are really

so extravagant, I am sure, he would not hesitate to make use of this money on any other purpose than for what it was intended, and we should again have the same lamentations and entreaties for more money, the same protestations of future amendment, and the whole would end in the same abandonment of the object which has befallen the country seat he commenced at the Motee Jheel upwards of a year ago, and as under the recent instance of the Bungalow sanctioned by the Government. His heedless expenditure of money indeed seems to encrease with his years, and the demands against him are many. There is one about which I am much perplexed and it must form a separate subject for the consideration of Government. The Governor General in Council is aware that His Highness since his accession has thought fit to eject nearly all the persons belonging to his family who formerly lived within the precincts of the Killah—he has razed their houses and totally dispossessed them of all right to remain there—in fact—they are not to breathe the same air with H. Highness. He certainly remunerated them with the exception of his uncle, Meer Mendhee which remunerated until very lately, I confidently believed had been made from the price. It was however hinted to me a short time ago by Raie Gungadhur that the money was taken from the deposits of the Nizamut Treasury. A few days after this a direct message was sent to me thro' Ghalib Alli Khan, requesting that, I would interest myself in the matter and endeavour to obtain the sanction of Government to the settlement of this demand. I am not distinctly acquainted with the amount but it may be 30 or 40,000 Rs. besides which we have the claim of Meer Mendhee which cannot be overlooked (Meer Mendhee's) expectations are extravagant and in their present form they cannot be admitted ; they may be reduced I think to something less than half of the sum asked. His Highness's debts to the Mehajuns too I am told are heavy amounting to nearly two Lacs of rupees.

7th. If the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council entirely approves and sanctions the plan I have proposed above, let me therefore suggest the propriety of H. Highness being requested to furnish the plans of such buildings as he would have built, and I shall be most happy to see them executed and the money for the same regularly disbursed. The plan of the Aynah Mehal being already laid it will only be necessary to proceed to the other buildings should the suggestion met [*sic*] the approbation of Government.

8th. I am sorry to acquaint you for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council that the report of His Highness's health does not improve.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 2d Augt. 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[899]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—The enclosed is the copy of a letter I have addressed to Mr. Charles Hogg Attorney at Law in a case which is likely to involve H. Highness in some little trouble.

2d. The affair refers to the land on which the house of Chumapokhur is built for which Gour Bullub has obtained a decree with other parcels of land & property from the Supreme Court against Juggernaut Pershaud Mitter and Cossheenaut Pershaud Mitter the nephews of Rajah Raj Bullub.

3d. Tho' the nature of the connection with this case and His Highness the Nazim is stated in the accompanying letter it will facilitate the object of this address to repeat it in a few words. The premises of Chumpahpokur formerly known by the name of Mahtab Baugh situated in the village of Jaun Muhmedpore was the property of the Mr. Peter Moore of the Civil Service—which having been sold by him to the Hon'ble Mr. David Anstruther they were again disposed of to Rajah Rajebullub who dying after his son, Mukoond Bullub, was succeeded in his property by his nephews Juggurnaut Pershaud Mitter & Caushinauth Pershaud Mitter and from them Mr. Thomas Pattle brought the ground on which the present Chumpa Pokur house is situated. It would seem that Gour Bullub is an adopted child of the widow of Mukoond Bullub and he has as I have already stated procured a decree putting him in possession of all the property held by Raja Rajbullub that as Jaunkeenauth Pershaud had in [no?] right to dispose of the land & premises to Mr. Pattle they must be restored. Gour Bullub however presumes to lay claim not only to the land but likewise to the house of Chumpa Pokur. Nothing can appear more ridiculous and I am confident the law will not support him in such an idea.

4th. Surely the only claim he can have is his right to the land & any premises which then stood upon it.

5th. I beg therefore to suggest the propriety of the Hon'ble Company's Advocate General being directed to interfere in this case and to obtain a postponement of further proceedings until the case can be finally settled. It is my intention to submit all the papers relating to the property as soon as they can be collected and it appears to me the following propositions might be made to Gour Bullub. That he being the legal proprietor of the land shall be entitled to receive rent for the same and in regard to the value of the dwelling house &ca. then on the ground an enquiry may be instituted as to the description of the buildings which in fact may be in a manner collected from the papers above alluded to.

6th. But as H. Highness I think, may be extremely reluctant to pay rent to a person of Gour Bullub's situation in life, it would be more agreeable to His Highness to grant him a piece of ground equal in extent together with the value of the premises in question.

7th. The accompanying letter will inform you that I have had no communication with the Nazim upon this subject in consequence of his illness, and of course, the chief object to be gained at present, is to save the execution of the decree, which, as in the manner Gour Bullub desires it to be carried into effect would materially affect the dignity of His Highness.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 3d August 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[900]

R. P. Nisbet Esquire,
Collector of Rungpoor.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a letter from His Highness the Nuwab Nazim of Bengal to your address and to be.—Your etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 4 Augt. 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[901]

Lieut. Coll. Parlby,
&ca. &ca., Berhampore.

Sir,—I have great pleasure in sending you the enclosed copy of a letter from Mr. Stirling Persian Secretary to Government under date the 2d Instant.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 5th Augt. 1824.

W. Loch,
Agent of Govr. Genl.

[902]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I request you will have the goodness to inform the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council that His Highness the Nazim has improved much in health during the last few days and I now doubt not but that his naturally strong constitution will conquer the inveteracy of the disease under which he has been labouring. In communicating His Highness's amendment it is with very sincere regret I have to report to you for the information of Government the alarming illness of another member of the family, the Bhow Begum, whose uniform excellent conduct and kind attention to every person with whom she is connected has endeared her to all. The Begum's health has for many months past been in a very delicate state, but the complaint, which proves to be liver, had of late greatly encreased—three days ago she was taken seriously ill and yesterday morning she appeared to me to be in a dangerous state. She consented to receive a visit from Mr. Savage and through the medium of Mrs. Loch that Gentleman was able to ascertain exactly the state of the disorder and to prescribe accordingly. I am sorry to say that Mr. Savage's opinion of her case is very far from being favorable but as she has shewn every inclination to follow his prescriptions and has very willingly commenced upon them—I still entertain a hope of her recovery.

2d. It is Mr. Savage's intention to repeat his visit with me to-day the result of which I will report to you tomorrow.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 11th August 1824.

Willm. Loch,
Agent G. G.

[903]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose three Audited Bills amounting to Sa. Rs. 3,868—with receipts in Duplicate for the amount, which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agent's Office,
the 11th August 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[904]

John Stuart May Esquire,
Superintendent & Collector of Nuddeah Rivers.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 29th June last, & to enclose for your information Copy of a Persian letter to my address regarding the filling of trees belonging to His Highness as from their situation may appear likely to fall into the stream during the rains.—I am etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 12th August 1824.

W. Loch,
Agent G. G.

[905]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have great pleasure in announcing to you for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor Genl. in Council the amendment of the Bhow Begum from the dangerous illness with which that lady was afflicted & that every hope is now entertained of her entire recovery.

2d. His Highness the Nuwab Nazim remains much in the same state as when I last had the honor to address you.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agent's Office,
the 14th Augt. 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[906]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—The enclosed letter from the Nazim of Bengal is sent to me by His Highness to be forwarded through you to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General.

2d. The demand upon the deposit fund which is made in this letter I doubt not will occasion considerable surprise to His Lordship. The unceremonious manner in which it is made without the offer of any preliminary explanation to His Lordship, or even without paying the Governor General the compliment of previously consulting him upon the subject—that he should make such a request too when he distinctly knows that an arrangement of the deposit fund is being

made by me, under the orders of Government by which the general amelioration of the members of the family is to be effected, and not even to have the politeness to ascertain whether such a demand would interfere with my views or not does appear to me extraordinary—and notwithstanding he is quite sensible of his misconduct on a recent occasion, and which he knows cannot be viewed by the Government but with dissatisfaction—that he should under such circumstances intrude such a matter upon His Lordship is quite unpardonable.

3d. If the subject of the enclosed letter was not connected with a matter which I have seen for sometime past must ultimately come under the notice of Government I really should not feel myself justified in submitting it to His Lordship without remonstrating with the Nazim. As His Highness has however anticipated me, in a measure & as some events which have occurred within these last few days may have hastened the application in question and as a representation of these shew in such an eminent degree his own inconsistent conduct yet his consistent malice against the Begums, I do not hesitate to comply with his wishes in transmitting the letter.

4th. The request conveyed to His Lordship in that three Lacs of Rupees be put at His Highness's disposal to enable him to prepare the paraphernalia preparatory to the marriages of his three nieces the daughters of his late brother.

5th. It is here necessary to explain to His Lordship in Council the situation of these children. They are the illegitimate offspring of His late Highness and were severally placed with the Dhoolin Begum and the Bhow Begum by His Highness. Beebee Azeemun is the mother of the eldest daughter, and she, with her child have for many years past lived in the Muhul Seraie of the Dhoolin Begum. The Begum indeed at the request of her late husband upon the death of her own child adopted this girl, and has ever considered and treated her as her child since that time. The Bhow Begum never had any children by His late Highness, and to compensate for the disappointment, he committed to her care and adoption the two other daughters who with their mothers Beebee Lootfun & Beebee Zeenutoonissa have lived with the Begum since then, and are in every respect members of her family. Almost from the time of the accession of His Highness to the Musnud, it has been a constant object of his waking and dreaming thoughts, the methods he should employ, to get these children into his possession. Considerable importance is attached to the ceremony of bestowing a bride, and His Highness, in regard to these children, claims the privilege as uncle, and objects to the honor being the right of the Begums, while they, not only point out as precedents all the daughters of the late Moobareck-oodoulah having been married out of the Muhul Seraie, but, that, this right was essentially confirmed to them by the act of their husband who had committed those children to their care & especial protection and who they consider and look upon as their children that now to be deprived of the pleasure and satisfaction of bestowing them in marriage would be cruel in the greatest degree.

6th. It is to be remarked that His Highness in his letter to my Lord Amherst does not state the names of any one to whom his nieces are contracted, or does he even hint whether this event has been considered or not. It is therefore proper to mention that His Highness's late brother expressed a wish before his death, that Moostfa Khan the descendant of the Nuwab Meerun, should marry his eldest daughter, who is now about 14 years of age. Moostfa Khan is about 23 and is anxious the union should take place & His Highness too formerly mentioned him as a proper match, but I have reason to apprehend he now entertains different sentiments on this matter. The Ameeroonissa Begum's consent and approbation has been also obtained and actual preparations have been making by her under expectation of it's fulfilment. The preliminary engagements have not however been yet performed, and no contract in fact has yet been entered into, but it was my intention to have laid the proposition formally before His Highness for his consent & approbation and which has been only delayed by His Highness's illness. His Highness must either have anticipated my intention in this respect and has adopted this plan of reference to His Lordship to bring the matter to a decision on the occurrence to which I have already alluded & which took place on the day of the Ede may have accelerated His Highness's views or most probable of all His Highness may conceive it a good way to obtain the possession of a large sum of money over which he should have unlimited control.

7th. It will be necessary for me to state the occurrence to which I have here alluded, having first mentioned that, in regard to the two children under the protection of the Bhow Begum, no kind of engagement has been particularly thought of for either of them, unless His Highness contemplates marrying his son to the eldest of the two, which would be, in every respect, highly gratifying to the Begum, provided, she is allowed the privilege already mentioned.

8th. I will now state the circumstances which have occurred to occasion disquiet in the bosom of His Highness I will relate them in as exact a manner as I can possibly do.

9th. About one O'Clock on the day of the Ede, the 7th Instant, I received a message from H. Highness by one of his Toork Suwars, begging of me in the most earnest manner to attend him without a moment's delay—Apprehending that some catastrophe was likely to happen, or conceiving that some news from Calcutta which I knew he had received, had operated violently on his mind, I did not hesitate to repair immediately to the Killah. On my arrival I found His Highness ill and out of spirits, but quite collected ; his reception of me was particularly attentive & Kind—after a good deal of desultory conversation I asked His Highness if he had anything to communicate to me in particular. He remained silent a short time and his eyes filling with tears, he said, with an agitated and tremulous voice—"Mr. Loch, you will pardon the trouble I have given you to-day in visiting me. Believe me Sir I look upon you as the Governor General. You are his representative and to you we submit our destinies and our fate—My honor—Everything I hold dear in this world is in your hands. I claim your interference I demand your justice." At this climax he stopped. I remained quite silent momentarily expecting an apology and full explanation of recent events. But to my surprise he resumed the subject by saying—"You are aware that we hold this day, the Ede, in the same degree of veneration in which you do that of Christmas, and that, any infringement

of rules prescribed for this day is considered a serious dereliction from the true faith." His Highness then proceeded to inform me that the Ameeroonissa Begum had been guilty of a great breach of decorum, not only, in as much as, the act she had committed was against all rule & precedent, but he was convinced, she had been induced to act as she had done, knowing how much she had it in her power to annoy him in his then weak and feeble state that she had to all intents accomplished her purpose by afflicting him in the most tender point. She had not only insulted his dignity by infringing a rule of the deepest importance, but she had, wilfully and maliciously disturbed his rest by exercising her Sepoys in platoon firing immediately under the wall which divides Her Highness's apartments from the Nazim's Bungalow, and creating thereby a degree of agitation throughout the whole nervous system not to be described. However much was my vexation to learn this indecent conduct of the Begum, as it then appeared to me to be, I felt considerable surprise, not unmixed with displeasure, at having been brought from my home five miles, and in one of the most oppressive days imaginable, merely for the sake of hearing a tale of this description which might have been as easily communicated to me by letter or through the medium of one of the Ministers. Observing however that the very relation of the facts had considerably agitated His Highness, I refrained from any remarks, either in regard to the unnecessary trouble he had given me, or pointing out to His Highness that it would be well, if His Highness were as feelingly alive to the dignity of others as he was to his own, and at once to have drawn the contrast between the Begum's conduct towards His Highness, and of his own towards me on a recent occasion. However as I have already said I checked my intention when I beheld the agitation of the man, and I could not withhold my disapprobation of the Begum's conduct.

10th. Having taken my leave & Gungadhur having confirmed the circumstances above related in a great degree I directed Meean Zummurrood & the Jumadar of the Begums Guard immediately to repair to my house. I was led at this time to suppose the Salutes and Fewde joyes generally observed on the day of the Ede had been waved by the Nazim in consequence of the illness of His Highness.

11th. On the appearance of Zummurrood I questioned him very severely on the above subject, and desired to know how he dared permit so great an irregularity and such inconsiderate conduct to take place within the Muhul Seraie—that he must be aware of the ticklish ground on which he stood and I was surprised that after the manner the Begum had expressed herself to me only a few days before on the subject of the Nazim's illness, how she came so soon to forget them. Zummurrood was evidently astonished at my address and said, it was quite unfortunate, that endeavouring to escape the evil they apprehended he should discovered he had fallen into it. He told me that I did not seem to be aware that His Highness's artillery as well as Musketry were fired on the day in question and that it was not until the whole of the ceremony observed by His Highness's officers had been performed that a single Musket was fired under the Begum's orders and that then they were fired in volleys in the old Pine Baugh which is in a line with the spot where His Highness's artillery & Musketry were exercised. This Statement was confirmed by the Jumadar who shortly appeared after Zummurrood, and it was further established by some of my own Musselman Servants who happened to be present at the time, and to attend both ceremonies. It was also advanced by this party and it has been since admitted by the Nazim's that the firing of artillery and Musketry and also been practised the day before in consequence of the safe arrival of the great boat Shamsoondeen and the fleet of Pulwars off the palace and which was practised not at a greater distance from the Nuwab's Bungalow than the Begum's Pine Baugh. In regard to whether it was the custom or not for the Begums to observe the ceremony of firing musketry in honor of holidays of this kind, so much extraordinary contradiction exists on this *very important* question, that I am scarcely able to declare distinctly how the matter should be determined. I think however the Begum has upon the whole exceeded her privilege, and she ought only to have fired a few muskets and those should have been let off gently, according to Gungadhur's mode of expressing it, in consideration of His Highness's indisposition in the same manner that His Highness's artillery was served.

12th. Upon a consideration of the whole matter however, I thought it would be a good opportunity for the Begum to send a polite and properly couched note to the Nazim expressing her regret His Highness should have been disturbed by what had occurred, and that it was far from her intention to give him the slightest uneasiness. My message was conveyed to Her Highness, and she expressed her readiness to send the note, but hesitated in the terms of address. I went to Her Highness the following morning and expostulated with her upon this matter. I put her in mind of all that had been observed and recommended by the Govr. Genl. upon this very point, & I told her a more suitable opportunity could not have occurred to make-up matters with His Highness I put her in mind also of the promise she had made to me, and which I had often repeated to her, that she would send her "Bundugee" to the Nazim and called to her recollection that the voluntary promise she had made of observing a mode address to the Nazim of due submission His Lordship had in a great degree founded the good opinion of her conduct, and I told her to beware how she should forfeit His Lordship's esteem & protection. To my astonishment and serious vexation she was particularly obstinate on this point, and distinctly declared, she would not submit to so great a degradation —that she was seated on the "Guddee" of the Munny Begum—that she was her representative in every respect and the Munny Begum never complied with a request as was now demanded. I repeated to her the sentiments of the Governor Genl. upon this point and told her that if the circumstance come to the knowledge of the Govr. Genl. it would be of serious consideration to her. Upon which in an agitated tone she declared that if the Govr. Genl. obliged her to address the Nazim in any other terms than those under which her predecessors had always been accustomed to observe, (which is merely "Salaum" and the mode of address that of an equal ;) she would the next moment destroy herself. I rose from my seat and said, "Well Nuwab Begum if these are the sentiments and the conduct you mean to follow, it only

remains for me to recommend to the Governor General that the "Guddee" of the Munny Begum be entirely abolished, and that you shall be reduced to a parallel with the Bhow Begum." I then walked away but my progress was arrested by the Eunuch and the voice of the Begum who begged of me to stop. I did so but our conversation ended with no better success and I certainly parted with the lady in considerable displeasure. I am not anxious to attract the notice of the Government with the dereliction of the Begums duty on the present occasion, as I am still in hopes of persuading her to fulfil the promise she so distinctly and faithfully made to me, on a former occasion & which in fact had gained her in a high degree the approbation and support of His Lordship in Council—should she remain obstinate and decline acknowledging His Highness in a manner suitable to their respective stations I shall then feel it my duty to bring the subject in a more formal manner before the Government. With respect to the complaint of His Highness on the subject of a dereliction of former custom & rule, I do not think it is one deserving the notice of His Lordship. I shall take proper precautions on any future occasion to prevent a repetition of the same & the occurrence is now only introduced by me as a part of the narration I have to offer, and to assist in the sequel of the representation I have to make on the subject immediately before the Government.

13th. By the preceding we have seen how tenderly alive H. Highness is to anything either affecting his own dignity or personal feeling, I will now shew his extent of sympathy in the cases of others, and in a way which I think must call forth the high reprobation of His Lordship in Council.

14th. It would appear that upon the death of the late Nuwab a golden bedstead was presented by His Highness to the eldest of the two children residing with the Bhow Begum. The Begum was then in high favor and H. H. was anxious to gratify her by this mark of attention as it would seem the bedstead had been put into preparation for the Child at his brother's desire. On the morning after the day to which I have been alluding above, H. Highness without any apparent reason, & in this instance, I do believe, without consulting any one but his Eunuch Durrab Alli Khan, sent to the Dewry a message to this child directing that the golden bedstead which had been presented to her by him should be returned. The child naturally full of lamentation at such a demand declined to give up the toy—the Eunuch repeated the demand which was conveyed to the Begum who had been ailing since the morning—she was much vexed with this circumstance for the childs sake, and sent for her, desiring likewise that the Eunuch should appear—he repeated the commands he had received—the Begum feeling herself too unwell to enter into any discussion with His Highness indeed being at all times unwilling to create any kind of altercation or annoyance she consoled her poor child for the loss she was to sustain who was persuaded at last to relinquish the trifle under the impression His Highness desired to see it as a pattern and that it would be quickly restored to her. An hour had not elapsed however when a second message was delivered, intimating, that if the child herself did not come to His Highness the bedstead should not be restored, a demand was also made from the Begum to restore certain trinkets or ornaments presented to her on a former occasion by H. Highness. This quite roused the Begum's spirit ; notwithstanding her illness had been rapidly encreasing, which circumstance too, appears to have been well known to H. Highness—She declared she would never allow the child to be taken from her, and she saw through the scheme that was laid & that she would never submit to it—As for the ornaments they should be restored to H. Highness on a list & a receipt being granted & intimated at the same time that the whole affair should be brought to my notice. The next day the Begum's indisposition was reported to me with a detail of the above circumstances. On the following day I visited the Bhow Begum twice, and it appears to me quite incomprehensible, how a creature in the character of a man, possessed of the most common principles and feelings, could possibly annoy & vex without the slightest occasion having been given, this poor defenceless and harmless woman, whose conduct too has been invariably so correct. On having [hearing?] the circumstances from the Begum herself I gave strict injunction that if any messenger should again come from the Nazim he was not to be admitted upon any account—that the door leading into the palace yard should be immediately shut and that neither egress or ingress should be permitted by that entrance, and that, every care was to be taken to keep the Begum quiet in her present delicate state of health. I also told the Begum that in respect to restoring the ornaments formerly given to her by the Nuwab that it should be entirely optional with her—She said in reply to this "believe Sir, I care not for these trifle and to part with them would now give me more pleasure than pain—When the donor was kind to me I valued the gift, but his demands and conduct have been of late so unreasonable and unlike what is to be expected from the Nazim that I part with them with pleasure. I am vexed Sir because the manner & style of the demand and message were not only sent to me at an unreasonable and inconsiderate time, but they were delivered in unbecoming and improper language."

15th. Having returned home I directed Ghalib Alli's immediate attendance, and I do really believe he is as much ashamed of this act of misconduct of the Nazim as he can possibly be, and reprobates it without dissimulation—indeed it disgusts every one who hears it, and has cast an indelible stain for harshness and malicious cruelty upon the character of the Nazim. There is in fact something so trifling by unkind so truly unmanly in the affair I am not at all surprised at the general contempt it has created. I sent a strong remonstrance to H. Highness upon the subject and expressed myself in very strong terms to Ghalib Alli to be delivered to His Highness and which I am told by Gungadhur was delivered. The bedstead has been promised to be restored and I hope it will be so.

16th. I have to lay my apology before the Governor General in Council for this very prolix letter but I conceive it of particular importance that H. Highness's character should be distinctly understood, which a relation of these circumstances, with the collateral proofs evinced by his own letters, must, I humbly presume, fully confirm. It has been my study to trouble His

Lordship in Council as little as possible with details of this character, under the expectation that, time & perseverence would improve His Highness's disposition, instead of which, it daily grows more tyrannical overbearing and insulting.

17th. The length of this address has obliged me greatly to digress from the original question submitted for His Lordship's consideration Vizt. Whether His Highness is to be privileged to take these children from the Begums by whom they have been adopted at the desire of their late husband, and whether the right of bestowing them in marriage shall exclusively rest with the Nazim, or whether, they shall be married from the Muhul Seraie of the Begums and considered in the light of their daughters & bestowed in marriage by them under the usual approbation and sanction of the Nazims. In my opinion and from every enquiry I made on this subject, the latter appears to be the rule that ought to be observed.

18th. In conclusion I have only one or two further remarks to offer. You will have the goodness to observe that His Highness's letter to His Lordship is stated on the day after the Ede, the one, on which, he commenced his operation against the Bhow Begum. It is necessary also to state that any arrangements for the Dhoolin Begums adopted child are in progress, and that in regard to the other two their situations can be taken into account at a future period & when they are at a more advanced age the eldest being only about nine years of age and the other about eight & a half I beg also to bring to the knowledge of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General that this demand for three lacks of rupees has been long in contemplation, and I am convinced, the marriage portions of his nieces are merely pretexts by which he hopes to procure a large sum of money to be put at his disposal—and a fitting opportunity occurring to vex these women by agitating a question in which their happiness so much depend.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agent's Office, Wm. Loch,
the 14th Augt. 1824. *Agent G. G.*

[907]

The Collector of Dacca.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose copy of a Durkhast presented to me by the Usmutoo nissa Begum.—I have etc.

Moorshd.,
Agents Office, W. Loch,
the 17 Augt. 1824. *A. G. G.*

[908]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—The enclosed letter is addressed to me by H. Highness the Nazim. It purports to be an apology for events recently passed, a detail of which, are now under the consideration of Government.

2. This letter has been produced through the means of Raie Girdharee Loll who is anxious to impress upon my mind, a belief, of His Highness's contrition and of the sorrow he feels for his past misconduct.

3d. I submit the letter to you to be laid before the Right Hon'ble the Govr. Genl. in Council, without comment or even translation, being unwilling to pass an opinion upon a paper which, tho' upon official matter, is yet too nearly connected with my personal feelings to allow me to be an impartial judge, I only hope, H. Highness is really convinced of the impropriety of his conduct and that, this letter has not been dictated through a selfish feeling for the purpose of promoting some ulterior object, nor that, it has been written merely under the tuition & guidance of Girdharee Loll, upon whose return to Calcutta a warranty for future good behaviour would be greatly withdrawn.

4th. I wish it had been in my power to report to you that the *bedstead* had been returned to the Muhul Seraie of the Bhow Begum. I am still assured it is to be.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agent's Office, Wm. Loch,
the 19th August 1824. *A. G. G.*

[909]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 30 ultimo relating to the deficiency of the funds set aside for the payment of the salary of the Govr. Genl.'s Agent & the charges of the Establishment at the tomb of the Munny Begum and noticed by the Accountant General, in a letter under date the 29th July last, as to have taken place in consequence of the fall of Interest. You intimate to me that it is the opinion of Govr. General in Council, the charge of the Establishment at the Tomb of the late Munny Begum might very properly be defrayed from the Deposit Fund, and you direct me to report accordingly, having ascertained the annual amount now paid on that account.

2d. By a communication made to the Government on the subject by Mr. Monckton in his report of the 26th Decr. 1816, it would seem, that the charges of the Establishment in question amounted annually to 574 Rs., but I am told by Gungadhur, that this sum was curtailed and the expences were limited to the amount of Interest annually produced upon the sum of 9,500 Rs. which is the amount of the money vested for this purpose. I am now happy to inform you that the whole amount of the Establishment can be defrayed from the Deposit Fund with the greatest propriety, and I have only been delayed making this communication, as its connection with the general plan I have in contemplation for this fund, made it necessary to combine the question with that arrangement.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agent's Office, W. Loch,
the 19th August 1824. *A. G. G.*

[910]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose Copy of a letter from the Collector of Zillah Mymunsing & I beg you will have the goodness to pay the amount to Raie Gungadhur on the receipt of the order therein alluded to.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agent's Office,
the 21st August 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[911

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a draft for Sicca Rs. 715-4-14 together with my Duplicate receipts & I beg you will have the goodness to pay the amount to Raie Gungadhur.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 21 August 1824.

Willm. Loch,
A. G. G.

912

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to Governmt., Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to report to you for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Govr. Genl. in Council that the Nazim has intimated to me his wish to proceed on an excursion for the recovery of his health.

2d. In regard to the extent of the excurtion which His Highness is desirous of taking, it is rather of an undefined & unlimited nature, & the request which he has begged of me to submit to His Lordship is altogether of a strange character it is in fact one of those extraordinary effusions of the mind which His Highness has of late so much indulged in.

3d. His request is, that he be permitted to visit Hindoostan, & to traverse the whole of the provinces within the Honorable Company's territories, in search of health—that it is his desire to see every City and place of consequence & renown in this vast Empire—that his intention is to consult all the physicians, practitioners and doctors, on his case, & that, whenever he may meet a spot, the air & situation of which may please his fancy it will be his wish to remain there & recruit & to enjoy the pleasures of travel.

4th. Raie Girdharee Loll His Highness's Vakeel brought me first the draft of the letter which contains this request, & told me His Highness sent it to me for my perusal previously to it's being submitted officially, & also begged, that I would make any correction in it that might not be proper & agreeable. Having read it I told Girdharee Loll that he must be aware the letter contained a request which the Govr. Genl. would not grant, as it would be attended with enormous expence & great inconvenience. He at once said, he was fully aware of the objection, & in submitting it, he did so, merely out of complaisance to his master's commands, & he hoped, I would permit the fair copy to be sent to me merely to indulge His Highness's fancy. I told him I had no wish to do anything likely to create vexation or disappointment in his master's mind, but I begged he would himself distinctly understand that I know the application would be proper to intimate to His Highness in as gentle terms as he pleased that such was my opinion.

5th. To crown the whole of this project with eclat His Highness sent a message to me to request I would apply to the Magistrate to Collect *one thousand* Puttyllahs for the accommodation of his followers—that pinnaces could be procured from Calcutta & in short his cavalcade was to be of a description that would do honor to his own dignified rank & situation & the high character of the English Government.

6th. In reply to the application he has sent to me officially I have told him verbally & by letter that His Highness might prepare for an excursion on the river, & that he may depend on the sanction of His Lordship so far as Moonghyr, but that he must not think of advancing further without the permission of Government. I have also signified to Gungadhur that he will prepare the usual number of boats on such occasions, & that, I would write to Calcutta for two or three Pinnaces for His Highness & Ministers. I also mentioned to Gungadhur it was absolutely necessary that he should remain here, & likewise, that His Highness should make such arrangements with me previous to his departure as to enable business to proceed. His Highness it would seem had anticipated this request & of his own accord had given the necessary orders.

7th. The preparation for His Highness's departure will yet occupy some days by which time I hope to be honored with the commands of His Lordship in Council upon this subject.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agents Office,
the 24 August 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[913]

W. R. Jennings Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Tipperah.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 16th July last together with it's enclosures & to transmit herewith Duplicate receipts agreeably to the request therein solicited.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 26th August 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[914]

[W.] H. Macnaughten Esqr.,
Register to the Court of Sudder De[wanny]
Adawlut.

Sir,—The enclosed petition has been presented to me by a person named Sooruj Narain Chukurwuttee at the instance of His Highness the Nuwab Nazim.

2d. It relates to a decision passed by the Courts at Dacca in a case by which the petitioner conceives him-

self to be aggrieved, and as the lands to which claim is made is said to appertain to certain Jageers situated within the jurisdiction of the City of Dacca the property of the Nuwab of Bengal & Dacca ; His Highness has solicited my intercession, and has begged that the circumstances be brought by me to the notice of the superior Court, (torn) either a special appeal may be granted by Sudder Dewanny Adawlut or the Dacca Provincial Court be directed to grant a review of the case.

3d. I have examined the Petitioners papers & tho' it appears to me that he has some points in his favor, yet, he has been so irregular and dilatory in his application for redress that it will certainly depend entirely upon the kind consideration of the Court whether (torn) or not, and I assure the Court, it is [merely] out of compliment to His Highness which induces me to address you at all upon the subject.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, W. Loch,
the 26th Augt. 1824. *A. G. G.*

[915]

Colonel Imlach,
&ca. &ca., Calcutta.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward to you the accompanying letter to the address of Moharajah Shew Sing, which you will be pleased to deliver to him.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agent's Office, W. Loch,
the 26th August 1824. *A. G. G.*

[916]

W. H. Macnaughten Esquire,
Register to the Court of Sudder Dewany Adawlut,
Fort William.

Sir,—On the 26th Instt. I had the honor to address a letter to you which was intended to have been given to Sooruj Narain Chukerwuttee for the purpose of being delivered to you but that letter having been inadvertently despatched by Dawk I beg to mention that he will present this to you and receive any orders that the Court may deem necessary.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, W. Loch,
the 28th August 1824. *A. G. G.*

[917]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—His Highness reported to me some weeks ago the death of Seyud Muhumed Hossein transmitting with his letter a list of persons who he proposed should succeed to the benefit of the stipend enjoyed by the late incumbent.

2d. The persons to whom H. Highness is desirous of extending the stipend are the widow the half brother and relations of the deceased and a few of his old servants, several representations having been submitted to me in this case sometime has been spent in ascertaining the facts.

3d. It may be necessary to state to you for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Govr. General in Council the history of Seyud Mohd. Hossein, after which, the arrangement proposed shall be laid before you.

4th. Seyud Muhd., Hossein was the natural son of Seyud Alli Khan a son-in-law of Ashruf Alli Khan the fourth son of Jaffer Alli Khan. Seyud Muhd. Hossein was adopted by the Khyroonissa Begum sister to Jaffer Alli Khan to whose stipend of 70 Rs. he succeeded, as well also as that, of her husband, Bakir Alli Khan, who was Buxshee to the Nizamut Bakir Alli received in his capacity as Buxshee 260 Rs. a month from Serishta Nizamut and which Muhumed Hossein enjoyed, to the end of his life together with the 70 Rupees. Muhummed Hossein married Mariamoonissa Begum a natural daughter of the late Baukir Alli Khan, Sabit Jung, Great Grandson of Jaffer Alli Khan & a son-in-law of the 1st Moobaruk-oo-Doulah. Seyud Alli Khan had a very numerous family—he first married Emaunce Begum, a Moosahib of Bubboo Begum by whom he had two sons and three daughters and 2dly he married Yadgar Begum a Daughter of Ashruff Alli Khan by whom he had two sons and a Daughter. Meer Alli Nuckee the eldest son by the 1st wife upon the death of his father became the representative and head of his family and received the several emoluments attached to the situation and upon his generosity were the other members of the family almost totally dependent. Upon his death Mr. Monckton made a specific arrangement of the stipend by which the family greatly benefited but Seyud Md. Hossein did not participate in it having otherwise sufficiently well provided for as mentioned above.

5th. The Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council will observe that strictly speaking after setting aside a provision for the widow the amount of the stipend of Seyud Muhd. Hossein ought to be resumed, H. Highness however under consideration of the scanty state of the allowance of the other members of the family has proposed that not only his widow be provided from this fund but they too shall participate in it's benefit. I certainly coincide with H. Highness on this point differing slightly however in opinion as to the distribution of the individual shares. I am also the more readily induced to support the recommendation as I perceive by a report made by Mr. Martin under date 15th May 1818 that on the death of Nujjumoodun, the son of Meer Alli Nuckee, the stipend of 90 Rs. enjoyed by him was resumed, with the exception of 30 Rs. settled upon his mother ; while it would appear that Mr. Monckton in the note respecting Seyud Mohumed Hossein which was submitted in his report of 30th Octr. 1817 alludes particularly to the distressed state of the family and recommends that the stipend of Muhd. Hossein upon his demise should be divided amongst his father's family.

6th. I beg therefore to recommend the arrangement to His Lordship's sanction under the modification proposed in the subscribed scale.

	Distribution proposed by His Highness			Amendment by Mr. Loch		Total amount of the Stipend under reference	
	Present allowances from other funds	Addition made from present stipend	Total	Addition from present stipend	Total	According to His Highness's arrangmt.	According to Agent's arrangement
Murriumoonissa Begum widow of the deceased . . .	59	100	159	130	189		
Meer Punnah Alli half brother of deceased	65	100	165	84	149		
Seyud Zynoolabdeen Ditto .	35	25	60	15	50		
Fazoonissa Begum ½ sister .	43	7	50		43	The mother of Meer Mehr Ali	
Furkhoonda Begum & her son Sydoo	72	7	79		72	The mother of Meer Warris Ali	
Allyoonissa Begum ½ sister .	25/8	7	32/8	14	39/8		
Khyratee Begum niece natural daughter of Rezza Alli .	29	7	36	6	35		
Meer Sadik--nephew by the Saliah Begum . . .	18	10	28	22	40		
Moomina Begum . .	43	...	43	...	43	263- 0- 0	271- 0- 0
Moolaziman Muhul Serai .							
Heera—Khadema of the deceased	...	...	10	...	10		
Buksun	...	...	4	...	4		
Booboo Sootey	...	...	3	...	3		
Bojunwah Khwas to Khyroonissa Begum . . .	...	...	3	...	3		
Mama Edah	...	...	3	...	3		
Nuffeesa Khanum . . .	...	...	3	...	3		
Mama Puthanee . . .	...	...	3	...	3		
Annar Kullee	...	...	3	...	3		
Jussodanundun—Mootsuddee	...	...	5	...	...		
Imambux Khansman an old servant	...	...	...	...	6	37- 0- 0	38- 0- 0
Expences for undermentioned tombs							
Bakir Alli Khan . . .	...	...	10	...	7		
Khyroonissa	...	...	10	...	7		
Mohummed Hossain . . .	...	...	10	...	7	30- 0- 0	21- 0- 0
						330- 0- 0	330- 0- 0

7th. It may be observed that the share determined in favor of Punnah Alli both by His Highness & myself considerably exceeds those of the other stipendiaries. Punnah Alli is in fact now the head of the family & being required to attend the Durbars & to transact the general affairs of the family he is put to considerable personal trouble & expence. His Highness however I think in deciding in his favor has not altogether consulted the just claims of the widow & the other members of the family while in determining upon some of their shares reference does not seem to have been made to the allowances enjoyed at present by them, and therefore due equality has not been observed.

8th. It has been my study after hearing all parties to rectify the arrangement accordingly & I hope the same will meet the approbation of Government.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 29th Augt. 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. General.

[918]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Your letter of the 30th April last communicating to me the instructions of the Right Honorable the Governor Genl. in Council, on the reports submitted by me under dates the 26th Jany. & 4th March last, relating to certain propositions conveyed to the Nazim in a letter under date 28th October 1823 & generally regarding the state & internal economy of the Nizamut Establishments, has been allowed to remain much longer unanswered than was either my wish or intention. Particular occurrences have intervened to prevent me entering upon the subject, & the late indisposition of His Highness has greatly retarded the accomplishment of the plans under review, indeed as far as His Highness's personal feelings & sentiments are concerned, I quite relinquish the hope, of impressing upon his mind the propriety and advantages which would be obtained by a new line of conduct. I will not therefore postpone my communication any longer, & I proceed accordingly to offer my sentiments on those points to which my attention has been particularly directed in your letter.

2d. The subject which is to be discussed & considered may very properly, I think, be divided into four distinct heads Vizt. 1st The management of the household as connected with the welfare of the Nazim in his official capacity, & of those, composing his public Establishments & the benefits that might be derived to his relations therefrom: and how far it would be expedient to allow His Highness to have independent control over the general interest of the family, & to have at his disposal certain lapsed stipends, instead of having those sums to accumulate for the benefit of the deposit fund.

2ndly. The arrangements under contemplation for the summer and winter clothing & generally—Plans for the promotion of the welfare of the relations of the family with observations regarding the Register required by Government.

3dly. Propositions for the repairs of certain public edifices, & for founding a Seminary & College for the instruction of the youths of the Nizamut family.

4thly. Considerations on the subject of forming the deposits into a consolidated fund on which the present & all future exigencies may depend.

Para. 3d. 1st. The first point here to be discussed is one of so much difficulty, & it has been already so fully before the Govert. I feel hesitation in again intruding my observation, yet, as the shape in which the question has been left by the Govt. would additional observations from me on the subject, I think it may still bear general discussion, & more particularly on the grounds which will appear to exist in the course of arrangement.

2d. The Right Hon'ble the Govr. Genl. in Council has expressed his unwillingness to exercise too minute a scrutiny into the internal management of the Nizamut & conceives it would be impolitic under the general flourishing state of the Nizamut to interfere, unless more convincing experience led His Lordship entirely to abandon the hope of a reform—besides, His Lordship in Council was particularly averse to adopt a step which he was convinced would be opposed by the Nazim, & therefore, without further substantial & sufficient reasons he was desirous the measure should be waved.

3d. Fully appreciating these sentiments & unwilling to take up His Lordship's time unnecessarily, I will confine myself as much as possible to the essential parts of the question. His Highness as the Government anticipated has shewn a decided disinclination to alter the present system of affairs, or to contribute in the least degree his assistance in respect to any reform or indeed, in any way to allow innovation or amendment. Did the mismanagement which prevails merely concern His Highness personally, & did I not anticipate evils which may eventually embarrass the Government, I should consider the matter altogether foreign to the duty I am bound to perform. If by interfering in these matters it was only to affect the private funds & personal gratification of Seyeed Ahmed Alli Khan, it would no doubt, I think, be infringing in a very unwarrantable manner in the Rights & privileges of a private individual.

4th. The Right Hon'ble the Govr. Genl. in Council is deeply interested in the promotion of the respectability & the splendour of the Nizamut family in general. That this can only be promoted through the head of the family is most evident. We have now only to view the external appearances of the Nizamut Establishments to convince ourselves on this head how much is wanting in the management of affairs. In former times, I alluded to very late years, we found the Nazim surrounded by a respectable body of men who, generally, either filled some important situation in the household or were the personal friends and aide-de-camps of His Highness, & who received allowances under certain heads from the general Establishment. His Highness's personal attendants were men of character & respectable in their appearance—were well dressed & in their conduct did honor to their master's high situation. How much is the change of the present day—Not a friend, but of a certain class, and all of the same family & not an aide-camp the servants ragged & tattered & scarcely one acquainted with the usual ceremonies of the Durbar ; nay several are of the most suspicious character & some even I told,

bear the marks of the Magistrate's rod upon their backs; generally speaking in short, they are people merely of to-day, their faces scarcely known within the Killah Gates. Formerly the body guard of Toork Suwars were complete—they were well mounted & very decently equipped—the Sepoys were equally so—besides these there were numerous Chelas & Eunuchs all well provided for & happy, all living in the certainty of a provision for life to themselves & to their children & successors after them—the equipment of boats too was respectable, & the Establishment for their navigation extensive. How different are those things now days. The guards & Sepoys are now composed of characters of much of the same description as the personal domestics, they are in fact, the most mean dirty & paltry looking fellows than can be fancied badly mounted & the whole equipped in the worst possible style. In regard to his Establishment of boats—not one is now to be observed in His Highness's possession but a few Pulwars and an old frail pinnace. The same observations are nearly applicable to his stud & equipage of carriages, & indeed & every other department under His Highness's management. The Nazims public appearance of grandeur can only be blazoned forth by supporting these establishments to their original extent, while his actual splendour & munificence would be & were more deeply & substantially experienced by a numerous body of dependants who exclusively looked forward to his bounty for support.

5th. It might be here asked why should we interfere with any arrangements His Highness may think necessary to make for himself? Why should we force upon him any particular manner & style of Establishment or equipage, or why, in short, should the Government interfere in a matter apparently so entirely of a domestic nature? To this I would observe—The situation of Nazim is an office the British Government is deeply interested to preserve, from political motives, in respectability and splendour. For the support of the elevated rank of the Nazim certain allowances are made accordingly. It was also deemed proper & expedient to make His Highness personally quite independent of the public establishments, & therefore, an income of 12,000 Rs, per mensem was established solely for his personal advantage, & to constitute his privy purse. If in the course of time & events it should be found that the same degree of parade & show is not necessary, as in former times, & the external appearances of public establishments can be dispensed with, yet, it is equally incumbent to ascertain whether the saving which is apparently made is directed into a proper channel or not—or whether the seeming deficiency arises from mismanagement in the general control of the departments, & whether, His Highness is not himself in fact the dupe by intricate & false accounts being produced for his inspection. It would also appear to me, to say, a certain sum was set aside by a Committee appointed in 1820 to meet all contingencies brought against the Nizamut. This sum of money is now not only regularly expended, but in general the accounts exhibit a large excess demand.

6th. It is indeed quite a matter of surprise to me what can become of all the money thus expended. The establishment in every department almost are defective, yet, an encreased expenditure is in each. We hear of no relations being supported through this means, we scarcely ever see one in the palace, or are we aware of any set of respectable people partaking of the bounty through this channel. A palace is to be erected for His Highness under the superintendence of the British Government—what a contrast will be exhibited: and how wretchedly mean will this contemptible management of His Highness, appear. If the times have wrought a change in the prices of articles reductions must of course take place, but let the arrangements be so managed as to produce effect, & that, the appearance & general economy of every department shall yet evince the splendour & utility of the Nizamut, nay, that the individual to be supported thereby shall feel and extol it's bounty.

7th. It certainly does appear to me quite unreasonable & improper that His Highness who succeeded to immense wealth who has been ever since his accession in the receipt of such large and extensive allowances, & has been likewise enjoying the annual income of considerable estates—that he should be allowed, in order to satisfy his inordinate passion for squandering money, not only to involve himself deeply into debt, but by reducing those Establishments which were originally appointed for the support of his dignity & splendours, he should materially rob the high character of Nazim of its renown & importance should it appear that this degree of splendour in the present day be deemed unnecessary, why should he not be tought to extend a bountiful & helping hand to his many poor & wretched relations, by whom, he would be then constantly surrounded, & by whose presence & acknowledgements of gratitude for favors conferred, would add greater splendour to his Musnud than what it would lose by the deprivation of it's Establishments. These are sentiments however to which the Nazim will ever remain a stranger, & we cannot expect, or is it indeed necessary, under the affluent state of the deposit fund to require such an addition. Of however little importance it may be to the Government the appearance & actual splendour of the Durbar, yet surely some check should be given to the heedless expenditure of money which His Highness is guilty of, otherwise, the Government will be at a future day perplexed with demands upon demands against the Nizamut the old story of a Committee will be revived—An inquiry will possibly be necessary to report on the state of affairs, & funds looked for in vain, possibly, to discharge a floating debt which, may at last, fall upon the deposit fund to the detriment of more essential purposes.

8th. As the encumbrances now stand, I see no difficulty by proper economy, in discharging the debts which have been contracted in the course of a short time. To do so, there is no doubt a certain degree of authority must be vested in the Agent to enquire into & arrange the domestic economy of the Nizamut. It is unnecessary to make it permanent, while his object might be merely to control the general expenditure, re-establish the departments, as far as the present price of articles will permit, on their original footing, and to provide means for the discharge of His Highness's debts, either thro' the assistance of the privy purse, or from the means of the public allowances as circumstances might make necessary.

9th. I come now to the last point of the 1st question I have proposed vizt. the expediency of giving over to His Highness, the complete control & patronage of cer-

tain lapsed stipends, which were suggested by Mr. Prinsep to be set aside by His Highness, to make up the two Lacs of rupees proposed for the deposit fund. The preceding observations almost decide against this proposition, for although, I am quite satisfied that the lapsed stipend of Her Highness the Munny Begum is sufficient for all the purposes we shall ever require, I do not hesitate to say, it is impossible to rely upon His Highness's prudence or beneficence to make that proper use of any part of the lapsed stipend or other stipends which it is in the expectation of Government he should do. I beg therefore strongly to recommend to the Right Hon'ble the Govr. Genl. in Council that, whatever may be his decision in respect to future arrangements for the Nizamut, that this species of control over lapsed stipends be not granted to His Highness, for I am confident, the trust will not only be abused, but the money will be made use of for bad purposes. Should His Lordship still continue averse to any investigations & temporary control on the part of the Agent into the domestic economy of the Nizamut, I would beg to state my opinion that, it will be preferable to persevere in the system now observed even under the present defective control, than that His Highness should be entrusted with the independent conduct of stipends vacated either by the deaths of present incumbents, or which become altogether lapsed & which consequently are properly speaking, the public property of the family. Should His Lordship in Council on the contrary determine to authorize the arrangement, I should hope the advantages, will be so apparent to His Highness, that he will be induced to follow the plans which may be laid down for him, & when we can be satisfied of his steadiness & that he evinces a wish to improve, the general weal of the family, the privileges which are now proposed should be entrusted to him may then be delegated.

Para. 4th. 1st. The next question under consideration, regards the winter & summer clothings granted to the several Members of the family, & generally, the plans I have to suggest to the Government, for promoting the welfare of the family.

2d. The Right Hon'ble the Govr. Genl. in Council has been already pleased to signify his approbation of the plan suggested, of substituting a pecuniary compensation in lieu of the articles furnished under the head of "Saleeana." Upon mentioning my views on this head to the officers of the Nizamut & having had the same communicated to His Highness, I found that greater importance was attached to the present system than I was aware of—It has been distinctly admitted, that much serious & very improper abuse had been exercised in this department—that however, if it were to be reduced to the system suggested by me, it would materially affect the patronage & character of the Nizamut, it is promised, that every means shall be adopted to rectify the abuses which had crept into the department, & in fact, I am to be allowed to arrange the plans for it in any way most beneficial for the family under the expectation, however, that the former customs should be observed. On this particular point His Highness has not yet expressed his individual opinion to me, & indeed the temper with which he views affairs in general, does not lead to expect much or any cordial cooperation in the matter—I have reason to know however, that on this head he would not oppose any plans that would be made as he is himself quite uninterested. I feel extremely desirous to preserve, as much as possible, all the customs & former usages of the family, & to introduce as little innovation as can be, I shall therefore be happy to concede this point in toto, provided, each number of the family is supplied with his just dues and for this purpose, I propose, that an arrangement shall be made for procuring the articles from those parts of the Country where they are most easily to be obtained ; that they shall undergo my inspection in the presence of competent judges, & that they shall be distributed at regular and stated periods under my orders. Rules of this nature will remove all objections on the part of the family & the patronage of the Nizamut will still be preserved. I wish it had been in my power to announce to His Lordship in Council that any progress in this measure had been made but first, the intervention of the Rumzan, & since then, the events which have recently occurred, has for the present completely put a stop to any extensive arrangement of this nature.

2d. I am not aware of the progress His Highness's officers may have made in preparing the Register, I am however, preparing one independent of His Highness's assistance, & in conformity with the instructions of Government on this point. It is proper I should take this opportunity of stating to you that those stipendiaries who come under the head of "Moolazimani Imtiazee" are also being included in the Register I am preparing. It has been declared on two former occasions by the Government, that these stipendiaries were recognized in an equal degree with the "Akrobah," & that, the stipends should not be appropriated or diverted to other purposes without the sanction of the Governor Genl. in Council, & that His Highness should report the deaths of the incumbents, in the same manner, as has always been observed in regard to the relations of the Nazim. How far this rule has been observed will appear upon the completion of the Register.

3d. Besides the advantages which will thus be secured to the different branches of the family, there are many other ways by which the condition of these people can be improved. It is necessary however that the measures should be gradual & adopted with circumspection. The first step I beg to recommend is to portion off the young women of the family & get them married, & in certain cases too, assistance might be given to the intended husband. A list of those young women to whom, I beg this consideration should be extended accompanies this letter Marked No. 1 & it will now only be necessary for me to draw your attention to the explanations given in the two first cases ; vizt. in the instance of the adopted child of the Ameeroonissa Begum, a daughter of her late husband, & the other is that of the daughter of the Nuwab Meer Munglee. I hope the reasons I have given in these two instances of affording to the parties the assistance I propose will meet the approbation of Government. The poverty & incapacity to furnish any adequate means, will, I am sure be a sufficient reason for granting the proposed assistance to the other members of the family, in any case however, in which I have deemed an explanation necessary it has been afforded.

4th. The next object I would propose are the repairs & in some cases the rebuilding of the houses of the more

indigent numbers of the family. Several of their houses I have visited, & it is indeed quite deplorable to witness the devastation & misery which they exhibit. I would further propose that at a future period their stipends should be improved & their incumbrances after due consideration should be relieved by a loan from the deposit to be replaced by instalments. It is quite distressing to find the heavy debts which have been incurred by a large proportion of the family & generally contracted at an immense sacrifice. I have deemed it proper to issue a proclamation on this subject declaring, that for the future, no assistance whatever, should be afforded from this office to facilitate the recovery of demands against the members of the Nizamut, that the parties should be referred to the Courts & I put them in mind that no order from the Court could be issued against the stipend of any incumbent. This intimation has hitherto been repeatedly made without effect, but I hope the step which has been now adopted will in some degree check this shameful and pernicious practice.

5th. Statements No. 2 & 3 which accompany this letter exhibit a list of persons whose condition & dependent state seem to demand the benevolent and more immediate consideration of Government.

Para. 5th. 1st. The third subject proposed for consideration are the repairs and erection of public buildings ; of the first of the description Musjids may be considered —Under the 2d head the palace for His Highness, also the Muhulseraies and Imambarrah as have been already noticed to the Government and are under it's consideration, likewise the house of the Nuwab Munglee which it is proposed shall be erected at the public expence, being connected with the general arrangements for the palace lastly, I beg to propose to His Lordship in Council, the expediency & propriety of founding a seminary & College where the youths of the Nizamut can be brought up & educated an outline of which I will submit to you hereafter for the consideration of Government.

2d. The Musjids & other places of public worship in this City are handsome & generally have been erected under the auspices of the Nazim & the members of the family. Many of them still are distinguished as belonging to the family, the Kazees and other establishment are supported either by certain donations from the Nizamut, or perquisites are granted them from the rents of shops &ca. situated within the Bazar attached to the Musjid. The buildings are however for the most part rapidly falling to decay, & few only can now be repaired. The finest building of this description is the Mausoleum of Jaffer Khan. Originally it must have been very handsome & the various buildings attached to it for the accommodation of the Kazees & the other members of the Establishment seems to have been extensive ; a Kutrah once belonged to it, from which a considerable revenue was derived & employed in support of the Mausoleum. This building has now however fallen so much to decay, it would be impossible to repair it but in a partial degree at all events, it must be an object of future consideration should it ever be deemed proper to do so. Statement No. 4 which accompanies this report conveys an account of these several buildings.

Paragraph 6th. 1st. The last point to be considered is the deposit fund, & the recources to be depended on from it.

2d. It is necessary to premise, that were we at once to extend our benevolent designs to every member & object of this extensive family that might with justice claim our attention & assistance the funds we have at our disposal, would not by any means meet the demand—as it is the Right Hon'ble the Govr. Genl. will observe by the accompanying abstract Statement No. 5 that various means have been discovered by which not only the whole of the money now either in deposit with the Collector or vested in Govt. securities will be disposed of but it will be perceived that the demands exceed that sum by a very considerable amount. The claims which I propose shall be admitted are not of that nature which require an instant production of the assets, but they can be gradually brought forward, & each individual case be carried into effect according to it's particular nature & merits.

3d. It appears to me that it would be a very advantageous plan to consolidate a certain portion of the principal of the deposits into a fund, which should be indemnified by the means of Government securities the six Lacs of rupees for instance already invested. The principal of this fund should never be allowed to be distributed, our expenditure being so arranged, as never to exceed the amount of Interest derived therefrom & the Income produced by the lapsed stipend of the Munny Begum.

4th. I do not at all reckon upon the deposits with the Nizamut, or is it, in my opinion, desirable that we should do so for I am of opinion every means should be afforded to provide a liberal arrangement of the public establishments and that likewise the opportunity & power be given to the Nazim to exercise his benevolence under proper guidance. With the assistance therefore of the money which has usually composed the reserved fund in the Nizamut Treasury & calculating upon the several departments being thoroughly arranged, I fully expect that, not only ample resources will be found available for the completion & equipment of all the establishments but I do likewise confidently rely upon finding sufficient funds for meeting every extra expense & exigency which the Nazim can reasonably require on the public account.

5th. I must beg now to state in a more specific manner the plans I would adopt to meet the claims I have set forth, & to explain any inconsistency which may appear in regard to future contingencies. To the 1st March last the amount of the deposits lodged with Government officers is 10,34,500 of which 6 Lacs are invested in Government securities. In a report submitted by Mr. Ricketts to the Government on the 29th January 1820 reference was made to the Government on the expediency of increasing the principal of the deposit by obtaining Interests for the same as long as the money lay unemployed upon the necessities of the Nizamut, & when in fact, the Government was enjoying every benefit from it by having the money completely at its disposal. In reply to this the Government declared it's opinion, that while the money remained unappropriated in the hands of the Collector, interest ought to be allowed, & which was accordingly communicated to the Nazim & his officers. If we calculate therefore the interest due upon the money in question, from the period of the first deposit being made in 1817 to the 1st March last, allowing a rate at 5 p. cent the Nizamut will have

to receive something less than two Lacs of Rupees from the Government. With this latter sum therefore, & deducting from the principal of 10,34,500 & 4,34,500 Rups. besides adding the principal and Interest for the Months of April, May, June, & July leaving of the principal a balance of six Lacs of Rupees abovementioned to compose the consolidated fund, we should have at our disposal upwards of seven Lacs of Rupees. This sum would be more than ample to meet immediate demands. We would then have for future contingencies not only whatever balance that might remain on the 30th April next, but we should have the interest upon the six Lacs of Rupees and the Income of 1,44,000 Rupees the amount of the Munny Begum's lapsed stipend affording annually a sum of 1,74,000 besides other items hereafter to be stated. It is calculated that this plan would in less than three years pay off all the immediate and more pressing claims exhibited in the accompanying statements, at the end of which period we should be clear, and be able to pursue the other objects in contemplation for the improvement and the general amelioration of the Nizamut family in general. To shew in a more distinct manner the arrangements proposed and anxious to avoid further prolexity I have subjoined a Statement No. 6 exhibiting in detail the supposed receipts and disbursements of the deposit fund for the next ten years I must be such [beseech?] the attention of the Governmt. to this statement and to the preparatory remarks offered thereon, as I feel quite persuaded that if our arrangements only be founded on the principles therein set forth the best results may be anticipated.

6th. There are one or two points more I should wish to notice but I will defer them to future opportunity and in the hope the suggestions may meet the wishes of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agent's Office,
the 30 August 1824.

Willm. Loch,
Agent Govr. Genl.

Enclosure No. 1.

No. 1.

Statement of sums proposed to be bestowed upon the Daughters of certain Members of the Nizamut family as Marriage portions

Persons proposed	Age	Amount	Remarks
Oomdut oonissa the adopted daughter of Ameeroonissa Begum Married	14 years	80,000 in Jewels	In proposing this large sum for the Ameeroonissa Begum's daughter I am led by many reasons to suggest its adoption. I am of opinion that when our means will permit, it is an essential point to give as much eclat to the marriage ceremonies of the Nazim's daughters as may be in our power, and for this purpose the gift here stated is proposed. The Ameeroonissa Begum would willingly assist in this respect, but very peculiar circumstances prevent her, & it may be necessary here to say a few words in respect to the case of her inability —A short period before her husband's death, His late Highness was seized with a great desire to be hold the wealth he had different times accumulated, directing, that even the trinkets and valuables belonging to the Begums should be brought for his inspection. The Ameeroonissa Begum anxious to indulge her husband at such a period, sent to him, without consideration to possible mishaps, almost every article of value in her possession. His Highness in the meantime was taken in his last fit of illness, the Begums valuables were put up without distinction with the Nizamut jewels and in the course of the proceedings which ultimately followed they *never* were *again separated*. It would be invidious, and indeed it would be now impossible to investigate this point ; nor even could the value of the jewels be now well ascertained, but that they were valuable, there is no doubt, and I do not entertain the slightest suspecion as to the accuracy of the statement having collected it from good authority. Not only therefore under the particular situation of birth and adoption is this child entitled, I think, to consideration but I am of opinion, it would be proper and gratifying way to compensate the Begum for disappointment & loss she sustained. It is in contemplation to marry this young lady to Moostafa Khan, the descendant of Nuwab Meerun

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	Persons proposed	Age	Amount	Remarks
	Shaw Zadee Begum the daughter of Nuwab. Meer Munglee Married	17 years	15,000	Did not the rank and situation of the Meer Munglee appear to me to call for our support, his merit, respectability and general excellent conduct, would of themselves be a sufficient inducement for me to recommend the assistance I have here proposed. Tho' his allowances are superior to the other uncles of His Highness, and through his prudence he is comparatively with them, rich, yet, he has many dependants who look to him for support & it requires all his care & management to make his income meet the demands against it. The marriage of a daughter is always attended with considerable expence, and the Nuwab Munglee, feels himself particularly called upon in this instance, to give his child away with considerable eclat. He proposes marrying her to Wahid Hossein Khan, the son of Taleb Hossein Khan, by the Oomdah Begum, a daughter of Moobarukoodowlah, and about whom, I have already interested myself with the Government. The Nuwab Munglee will give his daughter a small monthly allowance for her maintenance & will assist in other respects towards the completion of her happiness
3	Pathsaw Begum daughter of Ruhimoonissa Begum Married	18 years	5,000	Ruhimoonissa is a daughter of Moobaruk oo Doulah. She was married to Sullabut Jung who died many years ago. By him she has a son & a daughter both well advanced in years, the son being about 22 & the daughter 16 years of age. The Begum would have been a person of some fortune had she succeeded to her husbands property without opposition. She happened however to get entangled in a long and harassing law suit which, tho' it ultimately terminated in her favor she does not seem to have gained much by the decision. She seems, in fact to be in very bad circumstances, is in debt and unable to give a suitable dower with her daughter, who is contracted to Sooltaun Ismail, the son of Toorab Alli & whose situation has been on a former occasion the subject of a representation to the Government.
	Fatimah Begum, daughter of Jigree Begum Married—died in Decr. 1839	16 years	5,000	In recommending this sum to be given to the daughter of Jigree Begum it cannot be done on the score of the poverty of the mother who, greatly thro' her own prudence and good management, is living in a very respectable manner. Jigree Begum is a daughter of Moobarukoodowlah and was married to Secunder Alli by whom she had one daughter Fatimah Begum the person whose case we have in consideration. I am of opinion that in as much as rank and poverty claims our consideration on one side I think rank and respectability of conduct demand our approbation on the other and it is under this latter consideration I recommend the gift in question
	Ayn-oonissa Begum daughter of Moobaruk-oonissa Begum Died unmarried	21 years	5,000	Moobaruk oo nissa Begum is an illegitimate daughter of Moobaruk oo-dowlah and was adopted by Bunnee Khanum whose death took place in 1820 Moobaruk oo nissa was married to Yasooboodeen Alli Khan by whom she has two sons and a daughter—Yasooboodeen Ali died in 1822, leaving three illegitimate daughters besides the family just mentioned to whom also, I propose the benefit of the fund shall be extended, but, to be taken from resources put aside for the family in 1820.

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	Persons proposed	Age	Amount	Remarks
				Yasooboodeen Alli was Buxshee to the Nizamut, he is also related to the Nazim through the Rajemehal family. For certain reasons his stipend was stopped, but it was afterwards directed to be paid up by the Government. The money thus received was kept in deposit by Mr. Ricketts for the purpose of forming marriage portions for the daughters. The sum amounted to 9,600 rupees and as the illegitimate daughters have arrived at the ages of 28, 26 & 25 it is proper a portion of this sum should be divided amongst them while the daughters by Moobaruk oo nissa Begum will receive the sum above proposed by which she will be put on a parallel with other grand-daughters of Moobaruk oo doulah Of the 9,600 rupees now in deposit I propose that 6,000 Rs. shall be bestowed on the illegitimate daughters of Yasooboodeen Alli, and that the balance 3,600 Rs. be given to the Begum, as her personal share of the wealth left by her late husband. I am the more willing to recommend this, as the Moobarukoonissa Begum does bear a very excellent character, and having two sons who may be shortly married, this money will be chiefly available for that purpose
6	Sukkeena Begum daughter of Meer Muhd. Alli	15 years	5,000	Were we strictly to adhere to the principle which has been laid down by preceding rules, possibly the case here before us ought to be made an exception. It is hard, however, that the child should suffer from the indiscretion and want of prudence of the parent. Muhumed Alli receives allowances from the Nizamut in the same degree as the other uncles of the Nazim, and he likewise received 5,000 Rupees by the will of the late Bubboo Begum. Mr. Monckton in his report upon the character and circumstances of the branch of the family speaks of Muhumed Alli in most favorable terms, certainly, as far as I can learn he is a most harmless creature, but so totally indifferent to his domestic concerns that, he has allowed himself to be robbed of his money in the most unaccountable manner. He has not only spent every farthing of the money left by the Bubboo Begum, but he is now considerably involved, and is in every way most wretchedly situated. I have undertaken to put his affairs into order which I hope can yet be easily arranged in the meantime the assistance I propose for the daughters dower is very necessary
	Three Grand-daughters of the Nuwab Diljaun the Children of his Eldest son Meer Alli Rezak Khan: Vizt.	Not required		The marriage of these Young women have been thus long deferred in consequence of the want of means on the part of the Nuwab Diljaun to defray so heavy an expence. Putting this circumstance out of the question the respectability and high character of the Nuwab who is now in the decline of life calls forth, I think a due consideration for our assistance and under this feeling towards the old gentleman I beg to recommend the indulgence
7	Ashrufoonissa Begum	20 years		
8	Emanee Begum	18 do.		
9	Runeej Fatimah	16 do.		
	@ 4,000 Rs. each		12,000	
10	Ruhoonoo Begum the daughter of Hadi Alli Khan	30 years	4,000	This lady has approached to a considerable age and there are many reasons existing why she should get married. Her father Hadi Alli Khan is the nephew of

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	Persons proposed	Age	Amount	Remarks
				Jaffer Alli Khan by the maternal side and died in 1819 much involved. His children have all been left in a destitute state & the lady in question calls for our attention in the present case. I doubt not the dower here proposed will assist her in getting wedded
	Four daughters of Seyud Mohsin Alli: Vizt.			Seyud Mohsin Alli married Noorunnissa Begum the daughter of Meer Asud Ally who was Grandson-in-law to Jaffer Ally Khan—their allowances have always been poor & scanty, and the parents being now in the decline of life, and the daughters advancing in age it is a matter of great importance to have them married. The sum proposed will give them each 2,500 Rs. In regard to Noor Jehan, it is intended she shall be provided for as soon as she is of a marriageable age
11	Nikhee	22 years		
12	Oomdah	20 Ditto	7,500	
13	Hosseinee*	18 Ditto		
	*Noor Jehan, 8 years			
	Reported 27th Octr. 1826			
14	Shumsoonissah daughter of Punnah Alli	16 years	1,000	Punnah Alli is the son of Seyud Alli Khan and Yadgar Begum a daughter of Ashruf Alli Khan the 4th son of Jaffer Alli Khan—An account of this family was laid before Governmt. by Mr. Monckton on the 30th October 1817, and a late report from myself stating the death of Muhumed Hossein will shew the claims Punnah Alli has always been upon scanty allowances & I consider the present assistance in favor of his daughters equitable & just
	Meer Lootfoolla's daughter & two nieces @ 800 Rs. Vizt.		2,400	To shew the claim this person has to a share of patronage for his daughter & nieces it will be merely necessary to state, that he is the Grandson of Setteeoonissa Begum who was the daughter of Ismail Alli Khan, and who was first cousin & also brother-in-law to Jaffer Alli Khan, as they were the sons of two brothers, and the former married Nuffeetoonissa Begum a sister of the latter. Lootfoolla is in poor circumstances and demands our consideration. His eldest niece is the daughter of a brothers who is dead & the other is a sisters child who is a widow
15	Umnah Begum daughter	16 years		
16	Ruzzeeah Begum &	17 do.	Nieces	
17	Umtool Begum	14 do.		
	Lootfunissa Khanums daughter Vizt.			These are two of the many illegitimate children of the late Taleb Hossein Khan by the Lootfunissa Khanum. Taleb Hossein died much involved leaving his affairs in the most deranged state and allowance of 40 Rs. per mensem being kept in Deposit for marriage on account of these females 800 Rupees to which is supposed to be an adequate assistance. *The youngest daughter here mentioned will be married two or three years hence and will come under the general arrangement
18	Zeboonissa	14 years	800	
	26* Shurfoonissa	12 do.		
19	Oomdutoonissa Begum daughter of Nawab Sabet Jung	16 years		This lady is the daughter by a Munkooha Sabet Jung her father was Great Grandson of Jaffer Alli Khan & a son-in-law of Moobaruk oo Doulah. The relationship of this lady to the head of the family & her dependent state demand consideration and assistance
20	Buxshee Begum, daughter of Meer Futteh Alli	16 years	800	Meer Futteh Alli the father of this lady is the son of Meer Ibrahim & Hosseinee Begum ; the father of the latter person being nephew to Jaffer Alli Khan, a son of Meer Bakir the Brother of Jaffer Alli. Futteh Alli's circumstances are very circumscribed, which induces the recommendation

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	Persons proposed	Age	Amount	Remarks
21	Sahiba Begum, daughter of Mohumed Alli	25 years	800	Mohumed Alli is a kinsman of Jaffer Alli and very poor
22	Shubrattee Begum daughter of Meer Mohumed Hadee	16 years	600	Meer Mohd. Hadee the father of this lady is Great Grandson to Hajee Ahmed a brother of Mahabut Jung Nazim of Bengal whose sister Shaw Khanum was married to Jaffer Alli Khan
23	Sookha Begum daughter of Mahumdee Begum	14 years	1,000	Mohumdee Begum is the Grand-daughter of Mahabut Alli Khan, a brother of Seraje oodoulah—their circumstance demand the assistance of this fund
24	Hosseinee Begum daughter of Nusseer-oodeen Hyder Died unmarried	12 years		This is an illegitimate child of Nuwab Nusseeroodeen, an uncle of His Highness the Nazim. The Nuwab died much involved and I do not see any other means by which a dower can be provided
25	Kurrim oonissa Begum daughter of Meer Kurum Alli	13 years	800	This lady is of the same family as detailed in No. 20—her father being brother to Futteh Alli and labouring under similar circumstances. Her marriage may be contemplated three years hence
26	Lootfunissa Khanum's daughter	12 years	800	For an account of this lady see No. 18

Besides the young women whose names are borne on the preceding list there are twenty five girls from the ages of 5 to 11 who will be brought on the roll gradually and according to their respective ages.

Memorandum

1	Ameeroonissa's daughter	80,000- 0- 0		To be paid in 1824/25
2	Meer Munglee's do.	15,000- 0- 0		
3	Ruhimoonissa's do.	5,000- 0- 0		
4	Jigree's do.	5,000- 0- 0		
5	Moobarukoonissa's do.	5,000- 0- 0		
6	Muhumed Alli's do.	5,000- 0- 0		
7				
8	Nuwab Diljawns Grand-daughters	12,000- 0- 0	1,27,000- 0- 0	
9				
10	Hadi Alli Khan's daughter . .	4,000- 0- 0		To be paid in 1825/26
11				
12	Mohsin Alli's do. . .	7,500- 0- 0		
13				
14	Punnah Alli's Ditto . .	1,000- 0- 0		
15				
16	Lootfoollah's daughter & nieces	2,400- 0- 0		
17				
18	Lootfunissa do.	800- 0- 0		
19	Ooomdutoonissa	1,000- 0- 0		
20	Futteh Alli's do.	800- 0- 0		
21	Mohummed Alli's do.	800- 0- 0		
22	Meer Mohd. Hadi's do.	600- 0- 0		
23	Mahumdee's do.	1.000- 0- 0	19,900- 0- 0	
24	Nusseer oodeen's do.	3,000- 0- 0		To be paid in 1826/27
25	Meer Kurum Alli's do.	800- 0- 0		
26	Lootfunissa's do.	800- 0- 0	4,600- 0- 0	
	In the years 1827/28—14 young women will be brought on the list having at the average rate of 800 Rs. each		11,200- 0- 0	
	In the years 28/29—3 young women will be brought on having 800 Rs. at the average		2,400- 0- 0	
	In the years 29/30—4 young women including Mohsin Alil's daughter who will receive 2,500 Rs. while the average of the other may be reckoned at 800 Rs.		4,900- 0- 0	
	In the years 30/31—2 young women at 800 Rs. each .		1,600- 0- 0	
	In the years 31/32—one at 800 Rs.		800- 0- 0	
	In the years 32/33—one at 800 Rs.		800- 0- 0	
		Sicca Rs.	1,73,200- 0- 0	

Enclosure No. 2.

No. 2.

Statement of sums proposed to be defrayed from the Deposit fund on acct. of private dwellings for the use of certain Members of the Nizamut family

	Persons proposed	Amount	Remarks
1	Oomdutoonissa Begum	10,000- 0- 0	This person is the youngest daughter of Moobaruk oo-doulah she was married to Taleb Hossein Khan by whom she has one son Wahid Hossein Khan—She has been almost left quite destitute, her stipend of 250 Rs. is barely sufficient for her support a large portion of it being required to discharge her debts. She has not a house to go into & really demands the consideration of our benevolence. This lady's circumstances will require a separate report which shall be furnished at a future period. In the meantime I beg to recommend that the sum proposed opposite her name shall be defrayed for the purpose of building a small house for her under the Agent's guidance
2	Ruhimoonissa Begum	10,000- 0- 0	This lady has already appeared in Statement No. 1 Case 3. It is impossible for me to describe the misery of this person's dwelling. I beg to propose that her house be repaired and in some respects rebuilt—the work to be superintended by and the money, proposed for her, to be defrayed through the Agent
3	Wahid Hossein Khan	10,000- 0- 0	This young man is the son of Taleb Hossein and the Oomdutoonissa Begum. He is now suffering severally from the folly & inconsiderate conduct of his father. His house is almost a total ruin, so much so indeed, that he is obliged to abandon it—allusion is made to this young man in the preceding statemt. in case No. 2 & under his particular circumstances I consider his claims upon us to be quite just. In submitting his mother's case to the Govt. this youth's situation will also be brought under consideration
4	Meer Muhumed Alli Nuwab Jaun . Roushunoodoulah Meer Mendhee .	12,000- 0- 0 12,000- 0- 0 12,000- 0- 0 12,000- 0- 0 48,000- 0- 0	These are the uncles to His Highness the Nazim. Considering the wealth they obtained from the Bubboo Begum they scarcely deserve our consideration. To this clause an exception may be made of Meer Mendhee, who lost his Bungalow by fire in a very extraordinary manner, and which, will at a future period compose a separate report. In regard to the others all that can be said in their favor, is, that for the sake of the character and respectability of the Nizamut, it is becoming, they should have something more than a shed to cover their heads I beg therefore to propose the disbursement of the money set opposite to each of their names for the purpose of erecting small and comfortable shades for them through the means and superintendence of the Agent
5	Nuwab Diljaun .	7,000- 0- 0	This Gentleman has been already mentioned in the preceding statement case Nos. 7, 8 & 9 I feel greatly interested about him. He is the son of Ashruff Alli Khan the 4th son of Jaffer Alli Khan. He is a person well known and may be now reckoned the father of Nizamut family. He has built a very commodious and nice house in Moghultolee and requires only a small supply of money to finish it. The old man cannot certainly live very long and may not last to see the house completed, it affords him great delight, & he anti-

No. 2.

Statement of sums proposed to be defrayed from the Deposit fund on acct. of private dwellings for the use of certain Members of the Nizamut family—*Concld.*

	Persons proposed	Amount	Remarks
			cipates pleasure in the idea of leaving it to his children. The sacrifice of 7,000 Rs. is a trifle when so old and respectable a man, in the latter years of his life, is to be made happy by such means, I hope therefore, this item also, may be included in our general arrangements
6	Punnah Alli	2,000- 0- 0	This person has been already mentioned in the preceding statement case No. 14. His extreme circumstances & very respectable character having particularly attracted my attention, I am induced in consequence, to promote his wishes, by proposing to assist him with this sum, for the purpose of repairing his house
7	Mendee Alli Khan	8,000- 0- 0	This young man is the son of Hadi Alli Khan and is to be married to one of Lootfoonissa's daughter by Taleb Hossein Khan. He has no house, but of the meanest description, & he cannot erect one without contracting debt which is much to be deprecated. I beg therefore to propose the disbursement of the sum opposite his name, through the medium of the Agent, and any building he may wish to erect to be superintended by that Officers
8	Meer Mousin Alli	4,000- 0- 0	This person has been already mentioned in No. 1 case 11 His extreme poverty induces me to recommend the disbursement of this money for the repairs of his house
9	Sooltaun Ismail	7,000- 0- 0	This is the son of Toorab Alli & Ruzzeea Sooltaun Begum whose history was brought to the notice of Governmt. by Mr. Magniac in a report under date the 17th Decr. 1823 and on a subsequent representation under date the 8th May 1824—the Govr. Genl. in Council was pleased to sanction the grant of 7,000 Rs. for the purpose of building a house & 1,000 Rupees to assist in defraying the expences of the marriage he had in contemplation. He is contracted to the daughter of Ruhimoonissa Begum

Memorandum

1	Oomdah Begum		10,000- 0- 0
2	Ruhimoonissa Begum		10,000- 0- 0
3	Wahid Hossein Khan		10,000- 0- 0
4	Meer Muhd. Alli	12,000- 0- 0	
	Nuwab Jaun	12,000- 0- 0	
	Roushen oo Dowlah	12,000- 0- 0	
	Meer Mendhee	12,000- 0- 0	48,000- 0- 0
5	Nuwab Diljaun		7,000- 0- 0
6	Punnah Alli		2,000- 0- 0
7	Mendee Alli Khan		8,000- 0- 0
8	Meer Mousin Alli		4,000- 0- 0
9	Sooltaun Ismail		7,000- 0- 0
		Total	1,06,000- 0- 0

Enclosure No. 3.

No. 3.

The following is a list of Persons to whom pecuniary assistance may be granted under certain restriction. The amount of the demands against them is not here stated as it is prepared merely to set aside one Lac of Rs. on this account & the benefit is intended merely as a partial relief to the individuals concerned

Nuwab Jaun Nuwab Roushundoulah Nuwab Muhumed Alli Nuwab Meer Mendhee Nuwab Diljaun		The relief of these persons will depend much upon circumstances
Oomdah Begum Wahid Hossein		The Begum ought to be relieved and the son has already experienced the benefit and makes an instalment of 100 Rs. p. mensem in return
Sooltaup Ibrahim Mirza		This person will be relieved repaying a certain proportion by instalments
Muhumed Alli Cozim Alli	Sons of Futteh Alli Khan	These ought to be relieved repaying debt by instalments
Meer Futteh Alli Meer Kurrum Alli Meer Ruhum Alli	Sons of Ibrahim, by Hosseince Begum	These are very poor and require relief
Muhumed Mendee		This person may deserve consideration
Muhd. Alli Khan Meer Abool Hossein Mirza Abdoolah Meer Muhd. Alli		These are all very poor and deserve attention. Instalments can be required from them

Enclosure No. 4.

No. 4.

Statement of Musjids & Emaumbarrahs built by the former Nazims of Bengal and by several of the Members of the Nizamut family situated within the City of Moorshedabad

Number	Musjids and Mookberrahs	Where situated	Observations
	Musjid & Mookberrah of Nuwab Jaffer Khan	Cutrah	Formerly a Cutrah & Bazar besides certain lands were attached to this Musjid, the rents derived from which were intended to defray the expences of repairs &ca. as well also, for the support of it's Establishment—an annual sum of 110 Rs. is now received from the Nizamut to defray the immediate expences attending the Tomb &ca. A part of the land attached to this building has been transferred to the Nizamut and the remainder has been taken unlawful possession of by others The Musjid has fallen into much decay for want of necessary repairs but the tomb of Nuwab Jaffer Khan is in tolerable order but which it is proposed to improve by slight repairs It is intended that measures be adopted to recover the lands in question the profits of which will assist in the general support of the Mausoleum & Establishment. It would be also proper that the attention of the local agents be directed to this object

No. 4.

Statement of Musjids & Emaumbarrahs built by the former Nazims of Bengal and by several of the Members of the Nizamut family situated within the City of Moorshedabad—*Contd.*

Number	Musjids and Mookberrahs	Where situated	Observations
	Musjid & Mookberrah of Nuwab Soojah Khan	Roushunee Baug	Certain lands are attached to this Musjid & about 200 rupees are received annually from the Collectors office for their repair & Establishment. Great inattention has been shewn to this Establishment with a little assistance and attention to the disbursement of the allowances the Musjid & Mookberrah may be greatly improved
	Musjid built by Nuwab Soojah Khan	Nugginah Baug	This Musjid is now in the possession of Nuwab Soulut Jung: the lands which were attached to it have been taken possession of by others & the building is much out of repair. Enquiries will be made into these circumstance which ought to be noticed by the local agents
	Musjid built by Zaiboonissa Begum daughter of Nuwab Jaffer Khan & wife to Soojah Khan	Auzim nuggur near Bubber Gung	A monthly sum of 7 Rs. is received from the Collector's office the lands which were attached to it have been seized by strangers. The Musjid requires repairs & can be so without incurring much expence. A Kutrah once belonged to it which is now in ruins
	Musjid built by Nuwab Surfraj Khan	Golaub Baugh	This Musjid was left unfinished. The lands which were attached to it are in the possession of others & the Musjid has fallen into much decay—After a due enquiry into the circumstances attending the dispossession of the lands notice ought to be made to the Local agents. This Musjid cannot now be finished
6	Musjid built by the sister of Nuwab Surfraj Khan	Near Chouke	A part of the land attached to this Musjid has been mortgaged by the Superintt. to Nuwab Abool Kasim for 3,000 Rs. & the proceeds of the remainder is enjoyed by his relations ; the building has fallen into decay. This Musjid cannot be repaired but the proceeds might go to the repairs and support of other Establishments. The Local agents ought also notice this
	Musjid & Mookberra of Nuwab Muhabut Jung alias Allyverdey Khan	Khosh Baugh	Certain lands are attached to this Musjid & an annual sum of 310 Rs. is received from Collector's office for it's repairs & Establishment The buildings are in bad repair the grounds & the wall which surrounds the compound require cleaning & repairs Whether [Within ?] the compound is the tomb of Serajah Doulah & there are also those of the wife of Nuwabs Muzfur Jung & his son Buhram Jung which likewise require to be put into a state of repair
8	Musjid Jumma	Situated at east door of the Emaumbarrah	Certain lands & a sum of money were allowed from the Nizamut for the support of the Musjid & it's Establishment which have been resumed: in consequence of which, the Musjid is in a complete state of decay This Musjid was in former times more valued than any other in the City. To have it put into repair would be rendering the highest service
9	Musjid Hosseinee	South of the Emaumbarrah	Erected by Seraje oo Doulah kept in repairs by the Nizamut
10	Musjid built by Soojah oo Doulah	Moorad Baugh	Allowances were set aside for the support of this structure but it has been allowed to fall into complete decay
11	Musjid built by Munny Begum	Chauke	The Establishment &ca. are paid by the Nizamut. This building is in high preservation
12	Musjid built by Nuwab Sehamut Jung	Feerrahbaug	The Establishment is kept up from the Nizamut, the building requires repairs, but it is upon the whole pretty good order.

No. 4.

Statement of Musjids & Emaumbarrahs built by the former Nazims of Bengal and by several of the Members of the Nizamut family situated within the City of Moorshedabad—*Concld.*

Number	Musjids and Mookberrahs	Where situated	Observations
13	Musjid & Mookberra of Sehamut Jung	Motee Jheel	An acct. of these buildings has been already laid before the Govt. & disbursement of a certain sum in their repairs has been sanctioned
14	Musjid of Meean Umber	Near the Nuwab Seraje oo Doulah's Bazar	The salaries of the Karees are paid by the Nizamut and also an allowance is made for it's repairs—the lands attached to this building are with the Nizamut. This Musjid is in pretty good order but assistance may be recommended hereafter
15	Musjid of Pheeroo Kusab	Near Kullunder Baugh	The lands attached to this Musjid are in the possession of the heirs of the deceased who pay for its Establishment & repairs
16	Musjid of Abdoolah Soontaburdar	Hybut Gunge	The proceeds from the lands attached to this Musjid are enjoyed by the Suptt. the building has fallen into decay and an enquiry into its state will be made & assistance if necessary hereafter proposed & the circumstance brought to notice of local agents
17	Kudum Rusool	Jaffra Gunge	This building was originally erected by the Nuwab Sadik Alli Khan & was formerly kept in repair by the Nizamut, for some years past however it has been totally neglected & has fallen into complete decay. It's repairs would be highly proper
18	Musjid of Muhabut Alli	Alli Nugur near Jaffra Gunge	The lands attached to this Musjid are in the possession of the heirs of the deceased who provide for it's repairs & Establishment
19	Musjid built by Hubbiboollah	Bahadoor Alli Khan's Chouraha	The proceeds of two Villages was attached for the support of this Musjid but since Hubbiboolla's death, these have been taken possession of by Shaik Lootfoollah the Musjid has been neglected & it is now a heap of ruins
20	Musjid of Nazim Dost Mohumed	Lollbaugh	Mehauls & certain lands were attached to this Musjid, the produce of which, amounted to about two or three thousand Rupees annually ; the Suptt. Rujjuballi tho' he enjoys this income he has allowed the building to fall into decay—an enquiry will be made into this & the circumstance brought to the notice of the Local Agents—Should any assistance be deemed proper it will be recommended hereafter
21	Musjid built by the wife of Sheer Murdan Khan	Near Serajeoo Doulah's Bazar	A Cutrah & certain lands were attached to the Musjid the produce of which is enjoyed by the relations of the Suptt. the building has been allowed to fall into decay. This will also be brought to the notice of local Agents & should any assistance for repairs be deemed proper it will be recommended hereafter
22	Emaumbarrah of Meean Bussunt Eunuch	...	Two Mauzahs were purchased by Meean Bussunt to defray the expence of the Establishmt. of this Emambarrah but since his death the Mouzahs have been taken possession of by others & the Emambarrah has been allowed to decay—This will be brought to the notice of the local Agents
23	1 Mutt of Jurbhurth	Emaumbarra Ghaut	This building is much out of repair—It is situated at one of the Ghauts of the Killah & has always been under the protection of the Nizamut

It is also necessary to observe that the original Kurbullah belonging to the Nizamut has been swept away by the river. It is proper that one should be rebuilt which can be done at a future period should not funds be immediately forthcoming.

No. 5.

Abstract Statement of the principal demands against the Deposit Fund

Palace	...	6,00,000- 0- 0
Muhul Seraie	60,000- 0- 0	
College	60,000- 0- 0	
Aynah Mehaul	30,000- 0- 0	
Private Dwellings	1,06,000- 0- 0	
Musjids	12,000- 0- 0	
Munglee's House	50,000- 0- 0	3,18,000- 0- 0
arriage Portions for the 2 adopted Daughters of the Bhaw Begum	1,60,000- 0- 0	
Marriage Portions	1,54,100- 0- 0	3,14,100- 0- 0
Private Debts	...	1,00,000- 0- 0
Imaumbarrah	2,00,000- 0- 0	
Contingencies	92,598- 0- 0	2,92,598- 0- 0
	Sicca Rupees	16,24,698- 0- 0

Enclosure No. 5.

No. 6.

The preceding abstract statement exhibits the principal claims against the fund & shews that they do exceed in amount very considerably the actual means we have at our disposal ; the annexed accounts are therefore, intended to explain the means by which the immediate claims can be best satisfied, & to shew, the manner in which the discharge of all future contingencies can be effected.

The acct. anticipates a term of ten years, by which time, it may naturally be expected the plan in contemplation will be brought into thorough effect.

It has been proposed in the preceding report, to consolidate into a fund, a certain sum of money, the amt. to be taken from the deposits now lodged with the Govt. officers, the principal of which fund, shall always be kept entire Six Lacs of rupees being already vested in Govt. securities it is proposed that, that sum shall constitute the principal of the fund in question, which, at the rate of 5 p.cent per annum will yield a produce of 30,000 Rs. This latter sum therefore, with the annual income derived from the lapsed stipend of the Munny Begum, will furnish very adequate means for the purposes contemplated, after the disbursements, immediately requiring attention, have been made.

It is proper to observe that the total amt. of the abstract Statement is 16,24,698 Rs. ; of that sum, the arrangement proposed, will discharge during the first year, upwards of 5 Lacs of rupees, and in the course of the second and third years, all the considerable demands will be liquidated with but few exceptions, and these are of a nature which do not by any means, require to be immediately disbursed. I allude particularly to the marriage Portions of the Bhow Begum's daughters & to the building of the Imaumbarrah & the Palace. In regard to the first case, the daughters of the Begum will scarcely be marriageable by the time referred to, at all events, it will only be the delay of one year when their portions will be completed, vizt., in the years 1828/29— In respect to the Imaumbarrah & Palace, they cannot possibly be constructed in less time, than that, within which, the means, for their completion shall be forthcoming.

I beg it may be remarked that, in the course of the period above alluded to, many contingencies have been introduced not originally specified, & it will also be observed that of these, there is an item qualified to gratify the taste of the Nazim, I have deemed it expedient too, to provide for another item of equipage for the Nazim in a subsequent part of these accounts notwithstanding, the opinion I have already expressed, that ample funds can be procured from the resources of the Nizamut independant of the fund which is the subject of present consideration for every purpose of state & personal convenience, particularly as the money formerly composing the reserved fund under the control of the Nizamut officers, is proposed to be relinquished for the general weal under the control of the Agent. However, under the uncertainty of the state of His Highness's affairs, I have thought it proper to provide for every exigency, & have even introduced an item of allowance proposed to be made to Wahid Hossein & his mother Oomdah Begum whose case is submitted in a separate report, rather, than, that, any risque of disappointt. should occur in procuring means for those whom I have deemed proper objects to recommend to the benevolent views of Govt.

The ornamental furniture & a service of plate, & everything in fact, appertaining to the palace have been included in these accounts, & in my opinion, on a very ample scale—generally indeed, every item, has been most liberally provided for I am not aware of having omitted anything deserving my attention, while, I think, there are many charges introduced into the accounts which it may never be found necessary to make.

It is by any means intended that the additional allowances made to the stipends of Members of the family, & the stipends granted under the orders of Govt. to youths who may be leaving college shall be transferred to and distribute amongst their families upon the demise of any of the incumbents, but that such shall be resumed, & credited, to assist in furnishing support for future claims.

In regard to the items under the name of Sooltaun Ibrahim Mirza a separate report will be furnished the Government for it's orders.

In conclusion, I have only to remark it is necessary to keep in view that although these accounts are drawn up with great consideration, & with as much accuracy, as my information & any state of affairs in anticipation for so long a period will permit me to do, yet, that, as many of the items charged are merely supposititious they can be changed, altered or entirely omitted, just as circumstances & events demand.

Abstract Statement of the Disbursements of the Deposit Fund for the period of ten years

To Palace	4,80,000- 0- 0	
,, Finishing do. & railing Ditto . . .	45,000- 0- 0	
,, Out houses for Ditto .	40,000- 0- 0	
,, Cleaning Palace Yard .	40,000- 0- 0	
,, Repairing the Palace .	26,000- 0- 0	
,, Ornamental furniture for Do. . . .	1,50,000- 0- 0	
,, Captn. Buxton's Salary	43,200- 0- 0	8,24,200- 0- 0
To a set of Plate to the Nazim . .	1,00,000- 0- 0	
,, Equipage for Ditto	34,000- 0- 0	1,34,000- 0- 0
,, Aynah Mehaul .		30,000- 0- 0
,, Emaumbarrah .		2,00,000- 0- 0
,, Musjids . .		12,000- 0- 0
,, Kurbullah . .		6,000- 0- 0
To College . .	60,000- 0- 0	
,, Repairs of Do. .	6,000- 0- 0	66,000- 0- 0
To Muhul Seraies .	...	60,000- 0- 0
,, Munglee's House .	50,000- 0- 0	
,, Private dwellings .	1,41,200- 0- 0	1,91,200- 0- 0
To College Expences .		1,61,264- 0- 0
,, Stipends to Collegians		70,200- 0- 0
,, Prize to Collegians		4,600- 0- 0

To Stipends Granted to Stipendiaries as p. order of Government .		1,44,000- 0- 0
,, Salary of Oomdutoonissa Begum & Wahid Hossein . . .		39,600- 0- 0
To Marriage portion for the Ameeroonissa Begum's daughter . .	80,000- 0- 0	
,, Do. Do. Bhow Begum's Ditto . . .	1,60,000- 0- 0	
,, Munglee's Daughter .	15,000- 0- 0	
,, Other Members of the family (including Ismail) . . .	85,200- 0- 0	
,, Rajemehaul Do. . .	25,600- 0- 0	3,65,800- 0- 0
To Munny Begum's Tomb Establishment . .		5,740- 0- 0
,, Equipage for the other Members of the family . . .	15,000- 0- 0	
,, Amount bestowed upon particular occasion to certain Member of the family . . .	10,000- 0- 0	25,000- 0- 0
Private Debts . .	70,000- 0- 0	
Advanced to Sooltan Ibrahim . . .	30,000- 0- 0	1,00,000- 0- 0
		24,39,504- 0- 0
Deduct		
Amount realized on acct. private debts . .	70,000- 0- 0	
From Sooltaun Ibrahim	18,000- 0- 0	88,000- 0- 0
Sa. Rupees		23,51,504- 0- 0

A Statement shewing the Receipts & Disbursements of the Deposit Fund agreeably to the Plan Suggested by Mr. Loch Commencing the 1st of August 1824

Dr.

To amount Deducted from the Principal of 10,34,500 . .	4,34,500- 0- 0- 0	
,, Interest on Do. from the period of first Deposit in 1817 to the 31st March 1824	1,85,602- 1- 4 -1	6,20,102- 1- 4- 1
To Stipends for the months of April May June & July 1824 @ 12,000 Rupees per month .	48,000- 0- 0- 0	
,, Interest on the original for 4 months	10,000- 0- 0- 0	58,000- 0- 0- 0
To Stipend from the 1st Augt. 1824 to 30th April 1825 @ 12,000 Rs. p. m.	1,08,000- 0- 0- 0	
,, Interest from consolidated fund of 6,00,000 for the same period	22,500- 0- 0- 0	1,30,500- 0- 0- 0
To supposed instalments recovered from the Stipendiaries . .	...	8,000- 0- 0- 0
,, Instalments reced. from Sooltaun Ibrahim Mirza thro' Nizamut Deposit Treasury in the addition made to his stipends of 150 Rs. p. mensem under the orders of Govt. from the 1st May 1824 to 30 April 1825	...	1,800- 0- 0- 0
Sicca Rupees . .		8,18,402- 1- 4- 1

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1824/25		
By Palace as p. detail in part payment	80,000- 0- 0	
,, Muhul Serraie as p. Do. Do.	30,000- 0- 0	
,, College Do. Do. Do. .	15,000- 0- 0	
,, Cleaning the Palace Yard Do. .	10,000- 0- 0	
,, Ayna Mehaul . .	15,000- 0- 0	
,, Musjids	6,000- 0- 0	1,56,000- 0- 0- 0
By Munglee's House	20,000- 0- 0	
,, Private dwellings as p. Detailed rept. No. 2	80,000- 0- 0	1,00,000- 0- 0- 0
,, Jewels Ameeroonissa Begum's Daughter's Marriage portion .	80,000- 0- 0	
,, Munglee's daughters Do.	15,000- 0- 0	
,, Portions to other Members .	32,000- 0- 0	1,27,000- 0- 0- 0
By part of the Portions to be set aside for the 2 adopted Daughters of the Bhow Begum	...	20,000- 0- 0- 0
,, Private Debts to be repaid by Instalments	70,000- 0- 0	
,, Sooltaun Ibrahim Mirza's due to Mohajuns 15,000 which to be repaid by instalments . .	30,000- 0- 0	1,00,000- 0- 0- 0
By College monthly Expences at 1,378 p.m. for 4 months . .	5,512- 0- 0	
,, Establishmt. Munny Begum's Tomb	574- 0- 0	6,086- 0- 0- 0
By allowances made to Oomdutoonissa Begum & her son Wahid Hossein, the former @ 200/ and the latter at 100 Rs. p. month	...	3,600- 0- 0- 0
By Equipages for the Nazim including Saddle & trappings, see particulars	...	14,000- 0- 0- 0
,, Captain Buxton's Salary @ 600 Rs. p. month . . .	...	7,200- 0- 0- 0
By part of the amt set aside for the Imambarrah	2,00,000- 0- 0	15,000- 0- 0- 0
		5,48,886- 0- 0- 0
Balance . .		2,69,516- 1- 4- 1
Sicca Rupees . .		8,18,402- 1- 4- 1

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To Balance of last acct. . . .	...	2,69,516- 1- 4- 1
,, Stipend from 1 May 1825 to the 30th of April 1826 @ 12,000 Rs. p. month	1,44,000- 0- 0	
,, Interest from consolidated fund .	30,000- 0- 0	1,74,000- 0- 0- 0
,, Instalments from the Stipendiaries	...	15,000- 0- 0- 0
,, Sooltaun Ibrahim's instalments from Nizamut Treasury . .	...	1,800- 0- 0- 0
Sicca Rupees .		4,60,316- 1- 4- 1

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By Palace		1,00,000- 0- 0	
,, Expences clearing palace yard .		10,000- 0- 0	
,, Muhul Seraie		25,000- 0- 0	
,, College . . .		45,000- 0- 0	
,, Ayna Mehaul		15,000- 0- 0	
,, Musjids		6,000- 0- 0	2,01,000- 0- 0- 0
By Munglee's house		30,000- 0- 0	
,, Private Dwellings as pr Debt. Rt. No. . . .		26,000- 0- 0	56,000- 0- 0- 0
By College Expence		16,536- 0- 0	
,, Munny Begum's Tomb Establist		574- 0- 0	17,110- 0- 0- 0
By additional part of the marriage portion intended for the two adopted Daughters of the Bhow Begum		Last Acct. 20,000- 0- 0 Prest. 50,000- 0- 0	50,000- 0- 0- 0
		70,000- 0- 0	
By marriage Portions as p. Detd. from No. 10 to 23	19,900- 0- 0		
,, marriage Expences granted to Sooltaun Ismail as p. order of Govt.	1,000- 0- 0	20,900- 0- 0	
By 9 Rajemehal marriage portions, one @ 2,500- 0- 0 3 @ 1,000 and 5 at 600 Rs. each		8,500- 0- 0	29,400- 0- 0- 0
By alloce. made to Oomdutoonisa Begum and Wahid Hossein .		...	3,600- 0- 0- 0
,, Captain Buxton's salary . .		...	7,200- 0- 0- 0
By additional amt. set aside for the Imaumbarrah: . . .			
former acct .	15,000- 0- 0	30,000- 0- 0	15,000- 0- 0- 0
pt. Do. .	15,000- 0- 0		
			3,79,310- 0- 0- 0
		Balance .	81,006- 1- 4- 1
		Sicca Rs. .	4,60,316- 1- 4- 1

For 1826/27

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To Balance of last account . .	...	81,006- 1- 4- 1	By Palace	1,00,000- 0- 0	
,, Stipend from the 1st May 1826 to 30th April 1827 @ 12,000 p. m.	1,44,000- 0- 0		,, Expences of clearing the palace yard	10,000- 0- 0	
,, Interest on Consolidated fund .	30,000- 0- 0	1,74,000- 0- 0- 0	,, Muhul Seraie . . .	5,000- 0- 0	1,15,000- 0- 0- 0
,, Instalments from the Stipendiaries		15,000- 0- 0- 0	By College Expences . . .	16,536- 0- 0	
,, Sooltaun Ibrahims Instalments recd. from Nizamut Treasy. .		1,800- 0- 0- 0	,, Munny Begum's Tomb Establishmt.	574- 0- 0	17,110- 0- 0- 0
			By increase of stipd. made to 6 stipendiaries agreeably to the orders of Govt. at 100 Rs. each p m. to be resumed on the demise of the incumbents .	...	7,200- 0- 0- 0
			By Private dwellings . . .	..	4,200- 0- 0- 0
			,, Addition of the marriage portion intended for 2 adopted daughters of the Bhow Begum . last acct. . 70,000- 0- 0; pt. Do. . 50,000- 0- 0; 1,20,000- 0- 0	...	50,000- 0- 0- 0
			By 3 marriage Portions . . .	4,600- 0- 0	
			,, 2 Rajemehal Do. 1 at 1,000 & the other at 600 Rs. . . .	1,600- 0- 0	6,200- 0- 0- 0
			By Oomdut oonissa Begum & Wahid Hossein's salary . . .	...	7,200- 0- 0- 0
			,, Additional amount set aside for the Imambarrah: last acct. . 30,000- 0- 0; pt. Do. . 20,000- 0- 0; 50,000- 0- 0	...	20,000- 0- 0- 0
					2,30,510- 0- 0- 0
				Balance .	41,296- 1- 4- 1
	Sa. Rupees .	2,71,806- 1- 4- 1		Sa. Rupees .	2,71,806- 1- 4- 1

For 1827/28

Dr.

To Balance of last account . .	...	41,296- 1- 4- 1
,, Stipend from the 1 May 1827 to 30th Apl. 1828	1,44,000- 0- 0- 0	
,, Interest from Consolidated fund .	30,000- 0- 0- 0	1,74,000- 0- 0- 0
,, Instalments from the stipendiaries	...	15,000- 0- 0- 0
,, Sooltaun Ibrahim's instalments from the Nizt. Treasy. . .	...	1,800- 0- 0- 0
Sicca Rupees .		2,32,096- 1- 4- 1

Cr.

By Palace	1,00,000- 0- 0	
,, Cleaning the palace Yard . .	10,000- 0- 0	1,10,000- 0- 0
By College Expences . . .	16,536- 0- 0	
,, Munny Begum's Tomb Establishment	574- 0- 0	17,110- 0- 0- 0
By Private dwellings . . .	...	9,600- 0- 0- 0
,, 6 Stipends sanctioned last year .	7.200- 0- 0	
By 4 youths having stipends on leaving the College at 50 Rs. each p.m.	2,400- 0- 0	9,600- 0- 0- 0
By prizes for Collegians & boys as pr. detail	...	1,500- 0- 0- 0
,, 14 marriage Portions . . .	11,200- 0- 0	
,, 4 Rajemehal Do. Do. one at 4,000/- one at 1,000 & 2 @ 600 p. each	6,200- 0- 0	17,400- 0- 0- 0
By additional part of the marriage Portion intended for the two adopted daughters of the Bhow Begum last acct. 1,20,600- 0- 0 pt. Do. 26,000- 0- 0	1.46,000- 0- 0	26,000- 0- 0
By Oomdutnissa Begum & Wahid Hossein's Salary . . .	...	3,600- 0- 0
,, Captn. Buxton's salary . .	...	7,200- 0- 0- 0
By additl. amt. set aside for the Imambarra: last acct. 50,000- 0- 0 pt. Do. 20,000- 0- 0 70,000- 0- 0	. .	20,000- 0- 0- 0
		2,22,010- 0- 0- 0
	Balance .	10,086- 1- 4- 1
	Sicca Rupees .	2,32,096- 1- 4- 1

For 1828/29

Dr.			Cr.		
To Balance of last Account . .	...	10,086- 1- 4- 1	By Palace	50,000- 0- 0	
,, Stipend from 1st May 1828 to 30th Apl. 1829	1,44,000- 0- 0		,, Finishing the out houses . .	40,000- 0- 0	90,000- 0- 0- 0
,, Interest on consolidated fund .	30,000- 0- 0	1,74,000- 0- 0- 0	By Cash set aside for the purpose of a set of Plates to be presented to the Nazim on the completion of the Palace	20,000- 0- 0	
,, Instalments from Stipendiaries .	15,000- 0- 0				
,, Stipend of 1 Stipendiary resumed after his demise . . .	1,200- 0- 0	16,200- 0- 0- 0	By an advance for ornamental furniture for the Palace . . .	20,000- 0- 0	40,000- 0- 0- 0
,, Sooltaun Ibrahim's instalments from the Nizamut Treasy. .	...	1,800- 0- 0- 0	By College Expence	16,536- 0- 0	
			,, Repairs of Do.	1,000- 0- 0	
			,, Munny Begum's Tomb Establishment	574- 0- 0	18,110- 0- 0- 0
			By 6 stipends sanctioned preceding years 7,200- 0- 0		
			By 4 new Do. @ 100/- each p. month . 4,800- 0- 0	12,000- 0- 0	
			By 4 Stipends to youths sanctd. precg. years . . 2,400- 0- 0		
			,, 3 Ditto. Do. this year . . 1,500- 0- 0	3,900- 0- 0	15,900- 0- 0- 0
			By marriage Portion for 3 young women	2,400- 0- 0	
			,, 1 Rajemehal Ditto . . .	800- 0- 0	3,200- 0- 0- 0
			By full marriage Portions for the 2 adopted Daughters of the Bhow Begum at 80,000/- each		
			former acct. 1,46,000- 0- 0		
			prt. Do. 14,000- 0- 0	1,60,000- 0- 0	14,000- 0- 0- 0
			By Oomdut oonissa Begum & Wahid Hossein's Salary . . .	...	3,600- 0- 0- 0
			,, Captn. Buxton's salary . .	...	7,200- 0- 0- 0
			,, Additional amt. set aside for the Imambarrah:		
			last acct. 70,000- 0- 0		
			pt. Do. 10,000- 0- 0	80,000- 0- 0	10,000- 0- 0- 0
					2,02,010- 0- 0- 0
				Balance .	76- 1- 4- 1
	Sa. Rupees .	2,02,086- 1- 4- 1		Sa. Rupees .	2,02,086- 1- 4- 1

For 1829/30

Dr.

To Balance of last account . .	...	76- 1- 4- 1
,, Stipend from the 1st May 1829 to 30th Apl. 1830	1,44,000- 0- 0	
,, Interest on consolidated fund .	30,000- 0- 0	1,74,000- 0- 0- 0
,, Instalments from the Stipendiaries in full	...	2,000- 0- 0- 0
,, Stipends of 2 stipendiaries resumed after their demise . .	...	2,400- 0- 0- 0
,, Sooltaun Ibrahim's instalments received from the Nizamut Treasury	...	1,800- 0- 0- 0
Sa. Rupees . .		1,80,276- 1- 4- 1

Cr.

By Palace		50,000- 0- 0	
,, Finishing Do. Grounds & Railing to Ditto		45,000- 0- 0	95,000- 0- 0- 0
By College Expences . . .		16,536- 0- 0	
,, Repairs of Do.		1,000- 0- 0	
,, Munny Begum's Tomb Establishmt.		574- 0- 0	18,110- 0- 0- 0
By 10 Stipends sanctioned preceg. years	12,000- 0- 0		
Deduct	1,200- 0- 0	10,800- 0- 0	
,, 7 Do. for youths leaving college sanctd. pg. year	3,900- 0- 0		
,, 2 Do. new to Do. at 50 Rs p. each	1,200- 0- 0	5,100- 0- 0	15,900- 0- 0- 0
By marriage portions 4 young women 3 @ 800 each & 1 at 2,500 Rs.		...	4,900- 0- 0- 0
,, Private Dwellings . . .		...	2,400- 0- 0- 0
By Oomdutoonissa Begum & Wahid Hossein's salary . . .		...	3,600- 0- 0- 0
,, Captn. Buxtons salary . .		...	7,200- 0- 0- 0
By additional amt. set aside for the Imambarrah:		...	20,000- 0- 0- 0
last acct.	80,000- 0- 0		
pt. Do.	20,000- 0- 0		
	1,00,000- 0- 0		
			1,67,110- 0- 0- 0
		Balance . .	13,166- 1- 4- 1
		Sicca Rupees . .	1,80,276- 1- 4- 1

For 1830/31

Dr.			Cr.		
To Balance of last account . .	...	13,166- 1- 4- 1	By repairs of Palace	6,000- 0- 0	
To stipend from 1 May 1830 to 30th Apl. 1831	1,44,000- 0- 0		,, Ornamental furniture for do. .	60,000- 0- 0	
,, Interest on consolidated fund .	30,000- 0- 0	1,74,000- 0- 0- 0	,, Plate for His Highness . .	60,000- 0- 0	1,26,000- 0- 0- 0
Stipend of 1 stipendiary resumed after his	...	1,200- 0- 0- 0	By College Expences . . .	16,536- 0- 0	
,, Sooltaun Ibrahim's instalments from the Nizamut Treasury .	...	1,800- 0- 0- 0	,, Repairs of Ditto . .	1,000- 0- 0	
			,, Munny Begum's Tomb Establishment	574- 0- 0	18,110- 0- 0- 0
			By 9 stipends sanctioned preceding years 10,800- 0- 0 Deduct 2,400- 0- 0		
			8,400- 0- 0		
			,, 5 new stipends Do. @ 100/- 6,000- 0- 0	14,400- 0- 0	
			By 9 stipends sanctd. to youths leavg. College preceding years . 5,100- 0- 0		
			,, 6 new Do. to Do. @ 50/- 3,600- 0- 0	8,700- 0- 0	23,100- 0- 0- 0
			By College prizes	...	1,000- 0- 0- 0
			,, 2 marriage Portions @ 800 Rs. each	1,600- 0- 0	
			,, 3 Rajemehal Do. Do. 1 @ 4,000 Rs. & 2 at 600/ each .	5,200- 0- 0	6,800- 0 -0- 0
			By Oomdutoonissa Begum & Wahid Hossein's salary . . .	...	3,600- 0- 0- 0
			,, Additl. sum set aside for the Imambarrah:	...	10,000- 0- 0- 0
			last acct. 1,00,000- 0- 0 pt. Ditto 10,000- 0- 0		1,88,610- 0- 0- 0
			1,10,000- 0- 0	Balance . .	1,556- 1- 4- 1
	Sicca Rs. . .	1 90,166- 1- 4- 1		Sicca Rs. . .	1,90,166- 1- 4- 1

For 1831/32

Dr.

To Balance of last acct. . . .	...	1,556- 1- 4- 1
To stipend from the 1 May 1831 to 30th Apl. 1832 . . .	1,44,000- 0- 0	
,, Interest on consolidated fund .	30,000- 0- 0	1,74,000- 0- 0- 0
,, Stipend of 1 Stipendiary resumed after his demise . . .	...	1,200- 0- 0- 0
,, Sooltaun Ibrahim's instalments from the Nizamut Treasury .	...	1,800- 0- 0- 0
Sa. Rupees . .		1,78,556- 1- 4- 1

Cr.

By repairs of Palace . .		8,000- 0- 0	
,, Ornamental furniture . .		50,000- 0- 0	
,, Plate		20,000- 0- 0	78,000- 0- 0- 0
By College Expence .		16,536- 0- 0	
,, Repairs of Ditto . . .		1,000- 0- 0	
,, Munny Begum's Tomb Establishment . . .		574- 0- 0	18,110- 0- 0- 0
By 12 Stipends sanctioned preceg. years	14,400- 0- 0		
Deduct	1,200- 0- 0		
	13,200- 0- 0		
,, 8 new Ditto at various amt.	14,400- 0- 0	27,600- 0- 0	
By 15 stipends to youths leaving college preg. years	8,700- 0- 0		
,, 8 new Do. to Do. @ 50/-	4,800- 0- 0	13,500- 0- 0	41,100- 0- 0- 0
By private Dwellings . . .		...	14,000- 0- 0- 0
,, 1 marriage portion . . .		...	800- 0- 0- 0
By salary of Oomdutoonissa Begum & Wahid Hossein's, the stipend of the latter increased 100 Rs.		...	4,000- 0- 0- 0
By additional sum set aside for the Imambarra:		...	20,000- 0- 0- 0
last acct.	1,10,000- 0- 0		
pt. Do.	20,000- 0- 0		1,76,810- 0- 0- 0
	1,30,000- 0- 0- 0		
		Balance . .	1,746- 1- 4- 1
		Sa. Rupees . .	1,78,556- 1- 4- 1

For 1832/33

Dr.

To Balance of last account . .	...	1,746- 1- 4- 1
To stipend from 1st May 1832 to 30th April 1833	1,44,000- 0- 0	
,, Interest on the consolidated fund	30,000- 0- 0	1,74 000- 0- 0- 0
,, Sooltaun Ibrahim's instalment from the Nizamut Treasury .	...	1,800- 0- 0- 0
Sicca Rs. . .		1 77,546- 1- 4- 1

Cr.

By repairs of Palace		...	6,000- 0- 0- 0
,, College Expence . . .		20,000- 0- 0	
,, Repairs of Do.		1,000- 0- 0	
,, Munny Begums Tomb Establishment		574- 0- 0	21,574- 0- 0- 0
By 19 stipends sanctioned preceg. years	27,600- 0- 0		
Deduct	1,200- 0- 0		
	26,400- 0- 0		
By 5 new stipends sanctioned @ 100/-	6,000- 0- 0	32,400- 0- 0	
,, 23 stipends to youths leaving College preceding years	13,500- 0- 0		
By 5 new Ditto @ 50/	3,000- 0- 0	16,500- 0- 0	48,900- 0- 0- 0
By marriage Portions . . .		. .	800- 0- 0- 0
,, Prizes to the Collegians . .		...	2,000- 0- 0- 0
,, Salary of Oomdutoonissa Begum & Wahid Hossein . . .		...	4,800- 0- 0- 0
,, Private Buildings . . .		...	5,000- 0- 0- 0
,, Boats Equipages to Nazim on particular occasions . .		...	20,000- 0- 0- 0
,, Do to Certain Members of the family		. .	15,000- 0- 0- 0
, Additional sum set aside for the Imambarrah:		...	35,000- 0- 0- 0
last acct	1,30,000- 0- 0		
pt. Ditto	35,000- 0- 0		1,59,074- 0- 0- 0
	1,65,000- 0- 0		
		Balance	18,472- 1- 4- 1
		Sicca Rs.	1,77,546- 1- 4- 1

For 1833/34

Dr.

To Balance of last account . .	...	18,472- 1- 4- 1
,, Stipend from 1 May 1833 to 30th April 1834	1,44,000- 0- 0	
,, Interest on consolidated fund .	30,000- 0- 0	1,74,000- 0- 0- 0
,, Sooltaun Ibrahim's instalments from the Nizt. Treasury . .	...	1,800- 0- 0- 0
Sicca Rupees . .		1,94,272- 1- 4- 1

Cr.

By repairs of Palace . . .		6,000- 0- 0	
,, Ornamental furniture for Ditto .		20,000- 0- 0	26,000- 0- 0- 0
By College Expence . . .		20,000- 0- 0	
,, Repairs of Ditto		1,000- 0- 0	
,, Munny Begum's Tomb Establishment . . .		574- 0- 0	21,574- 0- 0- 0
By 23 stipends sanctioned preceding years		32,400- 0- 0	
,, 28 Ditto Do. to youths leaving College	16,500- 0- 0		
By 6 new Ditto at 50/-	3,600- 0- 0	20,100- 0- 0	52,500- 0- 0- 0
By 6 marriage Portions one at 2,000/- & 4 at 1,000/ each . . .		6,000- 0- 0	
,, 4 Rajemehal Do. one at 1,500/- & 3 @ 600/ each . . .		3,300- 0- 0	9,300- 0- 0- 0
By Oomdutoonissa & Wahid Hossein's salary		...	4,800- 0- 0- 0
,, Amt. bestowed upon particular occasions to certain members of the family		...	10,000- 0- 0- 0
By amt. required for the Kurbullah .		...	6,000- 0- 0- 0
,, full amt. set aside for the Imambarrah:		...	35,000- 0- 0- 0
the last account	1,65,000- 0- 0		
prest. Do.	35,000- 0- 0		
	2,00.000- 0- 0		1,65,174- 0- 0- 0
		Balance . .	29,098- 1- 4- 1
		Sicca Rupees . .	1,94.272- 1- 4- 1

Statement of Interest due from Government to the Nizamut Deposit Fund from 1 Novr. 1817 to 31 March 1824

		Amount of Principals	Interest at 5 p. cent upon the original for 1 month	Total Interest
Balance up to Octr. 1817	1,10,500- 0- 0			
for November	12,000- 0- 0	1,22,500- 0- 0	510- 6-13- 1	
B. up to November .	1,22,500- 0- 0			
for December	12,000- 0- 0	1,34,500- 0- 0	560- 6-13- 1	
B. up to December .	1,34,500- 0- 0			
for Jany. 1818	12,000- 0- 0	1,46,500- 0- 0	610- 6-13- 1	
Balce. up to Jany. 1818	1,46,500- 0- 0			
for February	12,000- 0- 0	1,58,500- 0- 0	660- 6-13- 1	
B. up to Feby. . .	1,58,500- 0- 0			
for March .	12,000- 0- 0	1,70,500- 0- 0	710- 6-13- 1	
Balce. up to March .	1,70,500- 0- 0			
for April .	12,000- 0- 0	1,82,500- 0- 0	760- 6-13- 1	
Balce. up to April .	1,82,500- 0- 0			
for May .	12,000- 0- 0	1,94,500- 0 0	810- 6-13- 1	
Balce. up to May .	1,94,500- 0- 0			
for June .	12,000- 0- 0	2,06,500- 0- 0	860- 6-13- 1	
Bal. up to June .	2,06,500- 0- 0			
for July .	12,000- 0- 0	2,18,500- 0- 0	910- 6-13- 1	
Bal. up to July .	2,18,500- 0- 0			
for August .	12,000- 0- 0	2,30,500- 0- 0	960- 6-13- 1	
Balce. up to August .	2,30,500- 0- 0			
for Sept. .	12,000- 0- 0	2,42,500- 0- 0	1,010- 6-13- 1	
B. up to September .	2,42,500- 0- 0			
for October .	12,000- 0- 0	2,54,500- 0- 0	1,060- 6-13- 1	
B. up to Octr. . .	2,54,500- 0- 0			
for November	12,000- 0- 0	2,66,500- 0- 0	1,110- 6-13- 1	
Balce. up to November	2,66,500- 0- 0			
for Decr. .	12,000- 0- 0	2,78,500- 0- 0	1,160- 6-13- 1	
Balance up to December	2,78,500- 0- 0			
for Jany. 1819	12,000- 0- 0	2,90,500- 0- 0	1,210- 6-13- 1	
B. up to Jany. . .	2,90,500- 0- 0			
for February	12,000- 0- 0	3,02,500- 0- 0	1,260- 6-13- 1	
B. up to February .	3,02,500- 0- 0			
for March .	12,000- 0- 0	3,14,500- 0- 0	1,310- 6-13- 1	
B. up to March .	3,14,500- 0- 0			
for April .	12,000- 0- 0	3,26,500- 0- 0	1,360- 6-13- 1	
B. up to April . .	3,26,500- 0- 0			
for May .	12,000- 0- 0	3,38,500- 0- 0	1,410- 6-13- 1	
B. up to May . .	3,38,500- 0- 0			
for June .	12,000- 0- 0	3,50,500- 0- 0	1,460- 6-13- 1	
B. up to June . .	3,50,500- 0- 0			
for July .	12,000- 0- 0	3,62,500- 0- 0	1,510- 6-13- 1	
B. up to July . .	3,62,500- 0- 0			
for August .	12,000- 0- 0	3,74,500- 0- 0	1,560- 6-13- 1	
B. up to August .	3,74,500- 0- 0			
for Septr. .	12,000- 0- 0	3,86,500- 0- 0	1,610- 6-13- 1	
B. up to September .	3,86,500- 0- 0			
for October .	12,000- 0- 0	3,98,500- 0- 0	1,660- 6-13- 1	
B. up to October .	3,98,500- 0- 0			
for Novemr. .	12,000- 0- 0	4,10,500- 0- 0	1,710- 6-13- 1	
B. up to November .	4,10,500- 0- 0			
for Decemr. .	12,000- 0- 0	4,22,500- 0- 0	1,760- 6-13- 1	

Statement of Interest due from Government to the Nizamut Deposit Fund from 1 Novr. 1817 to 31 March 1824—*Contd.*

		Amount of Principals	Interest at 5 p. cent upon the original for 1 month	Total Interest
B. up to December for Jany 1820	4,22,500- 0- 0 12,000- 0- 0	4,34,500- 0- 0	1,810- 6-13- 1	
B. up to Jany for February	4,34,500- 0- 0 12,000- 0- 0	4,46,500- 0- 0	1,860- 6-13- 1	
B up to Feby for March	4,46,500- 0- 0 12,000- 0- 0	4,58,500- 0- 0	1,910- 6-13- 1	
B up to March for April	4,58,500- 0- 0 12,000- 0- 0	4,70,500- 0- 0	1,960- 6-13- 1	
Balance up to April for May	4,70,500- 0- 0 12,000- 0- 0	4,82,500- 0- 0	2,010- 6-13- 1	
B. up to May for June	4,82,500- 0- 0 12,000- 0- 0	4,94,500- 0- 0	2,060- 6-13- 1	
B up to June for July	4,94,500- 0- 0 12,000- 0- 0	5,06,500- 0- 0	2,110- 6-13- 1	
B up to July for August	5,06,500- 0- 0 12,000- 0- 0	5,18,500- 0- 0	2,160- 6-13- 1	
B up to August for Septemr.	5,18,500- 0- 0 12,000- 0- 0	5,30,500- 0- 0	2,210- 6-13- 1	
B. up to Septemr. for October	5,30,500- 0- 0 12,000- 0- 0	5,42,500- 0- 0	2,260- 6-13- 1	
B up to October for Novemr.	5,42,500- 0- 0 12,000- 0- 0	5,54,500- 0- 0	2,310- 6-13- 1	
B. up to November for Decr.	5,54,500- 0- 0 12,000- 0- 0	5,66,500- 0- 0	2,360- 6-13- 1	
B. up to Decemr. for Jany. 1821	5,66,500- 0- 0 12,000- 0- 0	5,78,500- 0- 0	2,410- 6-13- 1	
B. up to January for February	5,78,500- 0- 0 12,000- 0- 0	5,90,500- 0- 0	2,460- 6-13- 1	
B up to February for March	5,90,500- 0- 0 12,000- 0- 0	6,02,500- 0- 0	2,510- 6-13- 1	
B. up to March for April	6,02,500- 0- 0 12,000- 0- 0	6,14,500- 0- 0	2,560- 6-13- 1	
B. up to April for May	6,14,500- 0- 0 12,000- 0- 0	6,26,500- 0- 0	2,610- 6-13- 1	
B. up to May for June	6,26,500- 0- 0 12,000- 0- 0	6,38,500- 0- 0	2,660- 6-13- 1	
B up to June for July	6,38,500- 0- 0 12,000- 0- 0	6,50,500- 0- 0	2,710- 6-13- 1	
B up to July for Augt.	6,50,500- 0- 0 12,000- 0- 0	6,62,500- 0- 0	2,760- 6-13- 1	
Balance up to August for September	6,62,500- 0- 0 12,000- 0- 0	6,74,500- 0- 0	2,810- 6-13- 1	
B. up to September for October	6,74,500- 0- 0 12,000- 0- 0	6,86,500- 0- 0	2,860- 6-13- 1	
B. up to October for Novemr.	6,86,500- 0- 0 12,000- 0- 0	6,98,500- 0- 0	2,960- 6-13- 1	
B. up to November for December	6,98,500- 0- 0 12,000- 0- 0	7,10,500- 0- 0	2,960- 6-13 1	
B. up to December for Jany. 1822	7,10,500- 0- 0 12,000- 0- 0	7,22,500- 0- 0	3,010- 6-13- 1	
B. up to January for February	7,22,500- 0- 0 12,000- 0- 0	7,34,500- 0- 0	3,060- 6-13- 1	

Statement of Interest due from Government to the Nizamut Deposit Fund from 1 Novr. 1817 to 31 March 1824—*Concld.*

		Amount of Principals	Interest at 5 p. cent upon the original for 1 month	Total Interest
B. up to February .	7,34,500- 0- 0			
for March .	12,000- 0- 0	7,46,500- 0- 0	3,110- 6-13- 1	
B. up to March .	7,46,500- 0- 0			
for April .	12,000- 0- 0	7,58,500- 0- 0	3,160- 6-13- 1	
B. up to April .	7,58,500- 0- 0			
for May .	12,000- 0- 0	7,70,500- 0- 0	3,210- 6-13- 1	
B. up to May .	7,70,500- 0- 0			
for June .	12,000- 0- 0	7,82,500- 0- 0	3,260-6- 13- 1	
B. up to June .	7,82,500- 0- 0			
for July . .	12,000- 0- 0	7,94,500- 0- 0	3,310- 6-13- 1	
B. up to July .	7,94,500- 0- 0			
for August .	12,000- 0- 0	8,06,500- 0- 0	3,360- 6-13- 1	
B. up to August .	8,06,500- 0- 0			
for September	12,000- 0- 0	8,18,500- 0- 0	3,410- 6-13- 1	
B. up to September .	8,18,500- 0- 0			
for October .	12,000- 0- 0	8,30,500- 0- 0	3,460- 6-13- 1	
B. up to October .	8,30,500- 0- 0			
for Novemr. .	12,000- 0- 0	8,42,500- 0- 0	3,510- 6-13- 1	
B. up to November .	8,42,500- 0- 0			
for December	12,000- 0- 0	8,54,500- 0- 0	3,560- 6-13- 1	
B. up to December .	8,54,500- 0- 0			
for Jany. 1823	12,000- 0- 0	8,66,500- 0- 0	3,610- 6-13- 1	
B. up to January .	8,66,500- 0- 0			
for Febry. .	12,000- 0- 0	8,78,500- 0- 0	3,660- 6-13- 1	
B. up to February .	8,78,500- 0- 0			
for March .	12,000- 0- 0	8,90,500- 0- 0	3,710- 6-13- 1	
B. up to March .	8,90,500- 0- 0			
for April .	12,000- 0- 0	9,02,500- 0- 0	3,760- 6-13- 1	
B. up to April .	9,02,500- 0- 0			
for May .	12,000- 0- 0	9,14,500- 0- 0	3,810- 6-13- 1	
B. up to May .	9,14,500- 0- 0			
for June .	12,000- 0- 0	9,26,500- 0- 0	3,860- 6-13- 1	
B. up to June .	9,26,500- 0- 0			
for July .	12,000- 0- 0	9,38,500- 0- 0	3,910- 6-13- 1	
B. up to July .	9,38,500- 0- 0			
for Augt. .	12,000- 0- 0	9,58,500- 0- 0	3,960- 6-13- 1	
B. up to Augt. .	9,50,500- 0- 0			
for September	12,000- 0- 0	9,62,500- 0- 0	4,010- 6-13- 1	
B. up to September .	9,62,500- 0- 0			
for October .	12,000- 0- 0	9,74,500- 0- 0	4,060- 6-13- 1	
B. up to October .	9,74,500- 0- 0			
for Novemr. .	12,000- 0- 0	9,86,500- 0- 0	4,110- 6-13- 1	
B. up to November .	9,86,500- 0- 0			
for December	12,000- 0- 0	9,98,500- 0- 0	4,160- 6-13- 1	
B. up to Decemr. .	9,98,500- 0- 0			
for Jany. 1824	12,000- 0- 0	1,10,500- 0- 0	4,210- 6-13- 1	
B. up to January .	1,10,500- 0- 0			
for February .	12,000- 0- 0	10,22,500- 0- 0	4,260- 6-13- 1	
B. up to February .	10,22,500- 0- 0			
for March .	12,000- 0- 0	10,34,500- 0- 0	4,310- 6-13- 1	1,85,602- 1- 4- 1

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persn. Secy. to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have now to request His Lordship's particular and considerate attention to the proposition I have made in my address of the 30th Instt. in regard to the foundation of a School & College for the education of the Children & youths of the Members of the Nizt. family.

2d. The misconduct & the many irregularities which prevail amongst the persons composing this large family may be justly & properly attributed to the want of education, & a proper example being set them. Generally speaking the narrow circumstances of the family prevent the parents bestowing anything like a liberal education upon their offspring—indeed, it is not to be expected that a good education can be a point of consideration with persons who have not themselves benefited by so great a blessing—Not only the most wretched ignorance is to be found amongst them, but the total want of good faith & principle is exhibited in the most distressing manner almost in every family of this house. It appears to me therefore that the Establishment of an Institution of the description I have alluded to, would be productive of great blessings to a considerable proportion of mankind ; & it seems to me also, that the benefit would not rest solely with the individuals composing this family, but as under the plans I contemplate, they would gradually be emancipated from the shackles of prejudice, & intolerance, their wishes would naturally lead them into the world where, if they did not profit themselves by accepting the service of the Govt. they would tend to improve their fellow creatures by communicating to them the knowledge they themselves had obtained. They would, at all events, be an ornament to the House of the Nazim, & prove as great example to general society wherever they might live.

3d. It may be proper to give an outline of the plan on which this Institution might he founded keeping in view, the ultimate promotion of the more solid advantages that may be derived from it.

4th. I propose that the institution be divided into two distinct branches ; the one, to be established for the reception of boys from the years of six to fourteen, & the other, intended, for youths above that age to the 18th & 20th year. The former branch will of course be intended merely for the first elements of learning & in the latter will be taught that part of education which is to be of more essential use to them in after life, & where, in fact, they will obtain a finish to the previous knowledge they may have imbibed.

5th. The institution would nominally have for it's visitor His Highness the Nuwab Nazim, while in fact it's Patron, would be the Govr. Genel. to whom it would be the duty of the Agent to report progress.

6th. It would be highly advantageous to the Institution could the executive parts of education be superintended by some English gentlemen well qualified for such an undertaking aided by Moulvees & other proper assistants.

7th. Encouragement might be held out to those who might particularly distinguish themselves by annual progress in knowledge & attention to the rules of the Institution, either by a pecuniary donation & in honorary certificate, or an addition might be made to the stipend of their family or the addition might be made independent of the family & settled personally on the youth leaving the College. Small donation too might be bestowed on the boys of the lower school on their being promoted to the College. It would be also very proper, I think, to give every encouragement to learn the English language, and for this purpose the highest prize might be given. This latter object could not be immediately looked for, but the wish to learn the language might be promoted by introducing the many excellent books which have been at various times translated & published by the societies in Calcutta for the Institution established there under the Patronage of Government.

8th. To enable the duties of the Institution to be regularly & well conducted it would be proper to have a building erected for the reception of the boys, it should be situated at a short distance from the City, a healthy & open spot being selected. It might consist of two distinct sets of apartments. The one for the upper & the other for the lower school. Each set should consist of certain number of sleeping rooms for the students & scholars—a school room & rooms for the masters. They might each form a quadrangle—the one end being set aside for the masters the two sides should be apropriated for the use of the boys, & the opposite end to that of the masters, would be the school room.

9th. The superintending master would have a separate dwelling & all out offices would of course be kept quite separate from the apartments.

10th. There might also be a public examination Hall where twice in the year His Highness the Nazim would perform his duties as Visitor attended by all the members of his family. In the case of his absence from indisposition or other cause, the duty might devolve upon the Govr. Genl.'s Agent, whose attendance upon these occasions would invariably be necessary, & under his general inspection indeed, the Institution would be placed.

11. The accompanying Statt. exhibits the probable expence of the building in question, & of the monthly expence that would attend the Institution. By it you observe, that under the plan I propose, the Nizamut families would gain an immediate relief by the expence for their boys education & food being defrayed entirely by the Institution, & this point I conceive would be of such material consequence to them, that any hesitation, some of the parents might at first feel in complying with the rules of the Institution would be entirely removed. Should His Lordship in Council approve this suggestion, I will at a future period submit a detailed statement of the rules I would propose for the regulation & Establishment of the Institution, & I shall likewise prepare plans & an Estimate for the building.

12th. If His Lordship in Council approve the general principles of this plan, it would be very proper to allow

it's operation to take effect as soon as possible, & for this purpose, a suitable building might be procured or rented for the accommodation of the children until the new edifice could be prepared—while, before any considerable progress could be made in the new building, we should be able to observe the probable success that was likely to attend our labours.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agents Office,
the 31 August 1824.

Willm. Loch,
Agent G. G.

The probable expence attending the construction of suitable buildings for a School & College with a Statet. in dett. of annual amt. likely to be incurred on acct. of the Establist. attached to the same.

Two buildings of an oblong square, the apartments for the boys being on the sides ; the apartmt. for the masters at one end, & the School room & College hall opposite to them. Each to Cost 24,000 Rupees...48,000-0-0

A separate dwelling for Supdg. Master ...	... 8,000-0-0	
A kitchen & out houses	... 4,000-0-0	12,000-0-0
	Sa. Rupees ...	60,000-0-0

Enclosure

College Expence & Establishment

		Monthly	Annually
Food & Cloths for 10 boys at 13 Rs. each		130-0-0	
Moulvee	200-0-0		
Deputy Ditto	100-0-0		
Khosh Nouvees	80-0-0	380-0-0	
Darogah	25-0-0		
1 Cook	8-0-0		
1 Do. Mate	6-0-0		
2 Furrashes at 5 Rs. each	10-0-0		
2 Sweepers @ 4 Rs. each	8-0-0		
2 Bheestys @ 4 Rs. each	8-0-0		
1 Jumadar	8-0-0		
8 Chuprassees @ 4 each	32-0-0		
4 Chaukeedars @ 4 each	16-0-0	121-0-0	
2 Washermen @ 8 Rs. each	16-0-0		
1 Hujjam	5-0-0	21-0-0	
1 Dufturee	6-0-0		
Paper pen & Ink	15-0-0		
Oil &ca.	20-0-0	41-0-0	
1 Native Practitioner for School & College including Medicine		40-0-0	
		730-0-0	8,796-0-0

School Expence & Establishment

		Monthly	Annually
Food & Cloths for 20 boys at 10 Rs. each		200-0-0	
Moulvee	150-0-0		
2 Moullims (@ 25 Rs each	50-0-0		
1 Khosh Nouveesh	40-0-0		
1 Ditto	30-0-0		
1 Attaleek	30-0-0	300-0-0	
2 Dufturies @ 6 Rs. each	12-0-0		
Paper & Ink	20-0-0	32-0-0	
Darogah	25-0-0		
1 Cook	8-0-0		
2 Do. Mate @ 6 Rs. each	12-0-0		
2 Furrash @ 4 Rs. each	8-0-0		
3 Bheestys & 4 Rs. each	12-0-0		
1 Jumadar	8-0-0		
6 Chuprassees (@ 4 Rs.	24-0-0		
4 Choukeedars (@ 4 Rs. each	16-0-0	113-0-0	7,740-0-0
		645-0-0	
Add College Expence		733-0-0	8,796-0-0
		1,378-0-0	16,536-0-0

Remarks.

The apartments for the accommodation of the Scholars & students are to be calculated to contain 40 boys in each Establishmt. It may not be necessary to erect a dwelling for the Principal under the first design of the Institution, indeed, to avoid any unnecessary call upon our funds & to allow the Institution sufficient time to prove it's utility, I have not calculated upon those expences in the Establishment, which, at a more advanced period, we shall be [able] to do. I allude particularly to the expence attending the employmt. of an English gentleman to Superintt. the executive part of education, as well as, to conduct the internal rules & Governt. of the Establishmt. I am the more inclined to this economy—now, as the number of students in College will be so few as certainly not to warrant so great an expenditure, particularly, when, we have the other heavy demands against us to keep in mind—Another measure of economy may be adopted for the present which will allow more use of our funds for general purposes, & the buildings in question may be deferred until future years when the efficacy of the Establishment has been fully acknowledged.

The Moobaruk Mehaul is a building which was erected by the Munny Begum for the purposes of being presented to Atcha Saheb her adopted son & the husband of Jehaun Begum a Grand-daughter of Nuwab Jaffer Alli Khan. Atcha Saheb was never put in possession of this building indeed it has never been finished, & on the death of the Begum with the rest of her property it became the inheritance of the Nizamut. It is unoccupied, & with repairs & some alterations, I am persuaded, it would suit our purpose extremely well. The only objection to it, is the suitation, which, is, in the heart of one of the

most populous divisions in the City. On these points however, I will enter more fully hereafter on receiving the sentiments of Govt. on the occasion. It may be necessary merely to state in this place, that in addition to the number of boys on the above list, there may be 16-day scholars, children, from the ages of 5 to 8 years, who would be too young to board & might occasion trouble & inconvenience.

In drawing up the rules for the Institution I should be inclined to propose an extension of it's benefits to other classes of the natives under certain restrictions beyond the limits of the Nizamut family, and certainly that it should receive the children of those pensioners under the denomination of "Moolaziman" "Imteeazee."

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A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persn. Secy. to Governmt., Fort William.

Sir,—On the 4th Feby. 1820 Mr. Ricketts the late Agent reported the death of Taleb Hossein Khan, & Submitted with his letter a schedule of allowances which he proposed should be settled upon the different members of the family.

2d. The most prominent persons on this list are the Oomdah Begum and her son Wahid Hossein Khan, whose names, I have of late had frequent occasion to mention to you, & whose circumstances, I stated, it was my intention to bring under the notice of the Govt.

3d. The Oomda Begum receives in her own person, as a daughter of the late Nazim of Bengal Mobarukoodoulah—250 Rs., an allowance which was made to all the daughters of that Nuwab. She was married rather early in life to Taleb Hossein Khan a son of Abool Cosim the late Nuwab of Rajemehal. A dower was settled upon her by Taleb Hossein according to the custom of the Nizamut Family, & tho' under no expectation of obtaining her just proportion of the settlement, she yet hoped, in the case of the demise of her husband, she would be allowed a certain participation in his personal allowances, or at all events, that, her son should be allowed to inherit them, when she could in that case, have depended upon respectable. She was the more induced to rely upon an arrangement of this nature from the other daughters of her father, having met with the indulgence ; she was not therefore at all prepared for the judgement which did take place on the death of her husband.

4th. The allowances which she receives from the Nizamut, might possibly have been ample for her support had she not been led into an expensive mode of life in consequence of her marriage with Taleb Hossein Khan, but having been so and her after difficulties obliging her to contract debt, she is now labouring under the most pressing circumstances of distress. The Oomdah Begum's character is not probably the most correct or is she the most prudent of Moobarukoodoulah's daughter, but still her circumstances have brought her into poverty & she has equal claims in my opinion with her sisters to some degree of consideration.

5th. It would seem that the justness of the claim of Taleb Hossein Khan to so large a share in the stipend of Rajemehaul has been somewhat disputed. Mr. Martin in projecting an arrangement for the liquidation of the Nuwab's debts very properly remarks on the very unequal and partial distribution which seemed to have been followed, and that the claims of individuals, appeared to have been determined according to the interest & caprice of the Munny Begum who formerly directed the allotment. He particularly points out as an instance of partiality the case of Taleb Hossein & his brother Daood Alli Khan the illegitimate sons of Abool Cosim being in receipt of 522 Rs. a month while their cousin Yasooboodeen Alli Khan only got 9-6 per mensem tho' the legitimate offspring of Abas Ally Khan & in lenial descent from the Musnud. It was also a question whether it was proper to allow the same individual to derive contemporary support from both the Establishmt. of Nizamut & Rajemehal.

6th. On the first point of these question Mr. Martin I think was quite correct and the proposition of a reduction in Taleb Hossein's allowances was very necessary, but being a descendent of the family & the son of one of the Nuwabs—he surely was entitled to expect a certain share of the family stipend as his inheritance & merely because he marries and obtains by that means an addition to his fortune, that he should be obliged to forfeit his patrimony seems to me not to be equitable. On these grounds however the measures which were adopted at Taleb Hossein's death seem to have been founded, for Wahid Hossein, his son, is now completely excluded from any participation in the Rajemehal allowances while of those of the Nizamut he only receives 250 Rs. tho' his father was in the receipt of 1,367, this lad too is born in wedlock & his mother is in the lenial descent from Jaffer Alli Khan. Every consideration therefore is due to his situation I think & however much inclined I am to lend every assistance to Mudaroodoulah and the Murrium Begum yet I do not think they should have been favored so much at the expence of this young man, & that from the saving now made (397 per mensem) had 100 Rs. only been reserved for him it appears to me that it would have been made merely his right.

7th. By the preceding observations I do not mean at all to cast any reflexions upon my predecessors in office. The motives which guided their views of the subject were the best, & the circumstances have only been made apparent to my mind, from the character & conduct of Wahid Hossein having particularly attracted my attention, & consequently, an opportunity having been afforded him fully to point out to me the claims he conceives himself entitled to—Of course his pretensions are higher than I have stated them to be.

8th. A discussion of these points with Motee Lol the Dewan to the Rajemehal stipendiaries naturally brought on a consideration of the whole of the arrangement for the Rajemehal family. By that arrangemt. a very considerable saving was made in favor of the family of Muddaroodaulah by which not only his own, his Begum's & brothers salaries were greatly augmented, but, a surplus of 532-8 per mensem was reserved for buildings marriage Portions &ca. The arrangements were made under the deep impression of the very meritorious conduct of the Murium Begum in discharging the debts of her husband & in concert with Motee Lol to have arranged the affairs of the family with peculiar eclat &

ability. Under such circumstances therefore the Murium Begum no doubt deserved every consideration, but it was almost extending, the kindness too far, I think, to encroach so much upon the stipends of actual incumbents as was done.

9. On my first examination of the Rajemehal arrangement, I had undoubtedly been led into the conception, that the augmented allowances of the Nuwab, the Begum, the Brother & their Establishments, had been chiefly made from lapsed stipends & that the surplus set aside for buildings &ca. had been alone taken from the funds of certain incumbents. Unwilling to disturb an arrangement which had met the approbation of Government—I suggested a compromise to Motee Loll vizt. that in lieu of the surplus money reserved for buildings & to which I conceived Wahid Hossein, his mother Oomda Begum & others had a just claim the Nuwab Muddaroodoulah should receive an equivalent for it from the Deposit fund for a certain number of years, & that, the sum in question should be restored to their original channels.

10th. Motee Lol expressed his ready acquiescence to such an arrangement. But said that, were the proposition to get abroad every stipendiary from whom a deduction had been made would make or claim to be restored to his former privileges which would of course annihilate the advantages at present enjoyed by the Nuwab & his immediate family. It then appeared that the augmentation generally had been made not only from lapsed stipends but by curtailing the salaries of others.

11. Under this predicament therefore the only remaining plan which appears feasible is to furnish Wahid Hossein & his mother with assistance from the deposit fund if we cannot find means from the reserved fund in the Nizamut Treasury. For such a measure arrangements have been made in the accounts transmitted in my report of 30th Ultimo by which, it will appear that 300 Rs. per mensem will be set aside should the suggestion meet the approbation of the Right Hon'ble the Govr. Genl. in Council. It is proposed that of this sum 200 Rs. shall be fixed upon Oomda Begum and 100 Rs. upon Wahid Hossein.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agent's Office, W. Loch,
the 10 September 1824. *A.G.G.*

[921]

Revd. W. Hovenden,
Treasurer & Secy. to the My. Orphan Society,
Kiderpoor.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 3d Ulto. annexing an acct. for newspapers and work done at the Govt. Press for the Agent to the Govr. Genl. at Moorshedabad. In reply I beg to acquaint you that on a reference to the records, no orders appear to have been issued from this office upon any matter of the description mentioned by you. To enable me however to make a further enquiry into the claims set forth, I beg you will have the goodness to furnish me with Copies of such orders as may have been sent to you on the occasions alluded to.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agts. Office, Wm. Loch,
the 11th Septr. 1824. *A.G.G.*

[922]

J. Trotter Esqr.,
Ag. Collr. of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose 3 Audited Bills amounting to Sa. Rs. 3,868 with receipts in Duplicate for the amount, which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agent's Office, W. Loch,
the 11 Septr. 1824. *A.G.G.*

[923]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persn. Secy. to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 3d Instant communicating to me the sanction of the Right Hon'ble the Govr. Genl. in Council, to His Highness's proceeding to Moonghyr for the recovery of his health, & further, that His Lordship in Council allows him to proceed on to the City of Patna should His Highness be desirous of doing so.

2d. I beg to inform you that the sanction of His Lordship has been duly communicated to His Highness & preparation are now making for his journey.

3d. I request you will assure His Lordship in Council that I shall do everything which may be in my power to make suitable arrangement for His Highness's journey, but I am apprehensive much difficulty will be experienced in collecting the requisite number of boats which are necessary for the accommodation of his followers. In regard to his own personal accommodation I beg to inform you that I have written to Calcutta for pinnaces & I expect they will be dispatched from thence as soon as Raee Gerdharee Loll will make the necessary arrangement.

4th. To provide against the hazard of disputes between His Highness's followers & the inhabitants of the Districts through which His Highness may pass, I beg to suggest that intimation be given through the Judicial Departt. to the Magistrates of H. H.'s intended journey, & that they should be directed to issue orders to their Police officers to shew every attention in their power to H. Highness's wishes & who should, on learning H. H.'s approach be ordered to send one or two Burkundazes to escort him thro' their respective divisions. The Local European authorities will of course pay His Highness that respect due to his rank, should he stop at Bhauglepore and Moonghyr ; & previously to his departure from Moorshedabad I shall make it a point to communicate the probable time this may take place to the authorities in question. I should likewise desire Ghalib

Alli Khan to be careful in intimating to the several Darogahs of Police the probable time of H. Highness's arrival within their jurisdictions, & [to] facilitate the object a list of those Thannahs situated on the banks of the river might be procured from the Magistrate which could be sent to me direct by the local Magistrate & furnished him. To prevent any mistake or misunderstanding the Magistrates on both banks of the Gunges might be warned of H.H.'s intention & their police officers directed to give immediate attention to any application which may be made to them I conceive however that H.H. will have more occasion to apply to the Magistrates of Moorshedabad, Bhauglepore, Moonghyr & Patna than to any others.

5th. I am not aware that any other steps can be taken to promote the object in question.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agent's Office, W. Loch,
the 11 Septr. 1824. *A.G.G.*

[924]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persn. Secy. to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I had yesterday the honor to address you on the subject of the Oomdah Begum's allowances & to recommend her case to the consideration of Govt.

2d. It escaped my recollection at the time to mention to you, that the Begum was put in possession of a small share of landed property situated near Rajmehal as part compensation of her dower.

3d. The village of which the Begum has a moiety was the joint property of her husband & his brother Daood Alli Khan. It yields about 650 Rs. per annum from which the expences of the Establisht. are to be deducted leaving a surplus to the parties of 20 or 24 Rs. each a month.

4th. The existence of the village was brought to my notice by a call from the Collector of the Districts, on the heirs of Taleb Hossein to appear, & register their names, as proprietors to the moiety of the Estate. Wahid Hossein represented the matter to me & wished to know if there would be any objection to his taking possession. I told him, I was of opinion that if he did so, he would subject himself to be prosecuted by his father's creditors, & besides, I thought his mother much more entitled to it, as a part of the dower due to her from his father. The justice of this remark was immediately admitted & in the course of the few succeeding days I settled the matter with Daood Alli Khan, & an intimation was accordingly made to the Collector.

5th. Mr. Ricketts in reporting upon this case I find, alludes to this land & mentions the likelihood of its being made over to the Begum, but it does not appear that any further notice was taken of it. I hope this step may meet the approval of the Right Hon'ble the Govr. Genl. in Council which by a further perusal of the correspondence I find ought to have been submitted in the first instance for the sanction of Govt.—as I was not however aware of it at the time, & the Collector's notice being rather pressing, I thought it right to decide the matter at once not perceiving in such a case the necessity of troubling Govt. with the subject.

6th. It is only further necessary to state that the Begum will by this means have an annual addition of 325 Rs. to her allowances from which, certain deductions are to be made. I should hope however this trifling addition will not act to the detriment of the recommendation conveyed in my former dispatch.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agent's Office, W. Loch,
the 13 Septr. 1824. *A.G.G.*

[925]

John Trotter Esqr.,
Ag. Collr. of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your predecessors letter under date the 31 Ulto.—returning the accompanying Draft & Duplicate receipts for Sa. Rs. 715-4-14 in consequence of the low state of the Treasury I hope it will now be in your power to discharge the same as also the amount made payable by the Collr. of Zillah Mymensing.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agent's Office, W. Loch,
the 13 Septr. 1824. *A.G.G.*

[926]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persn. Secy. to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 20 ulto. communicating to me the intention of the Right Hon'ble the Govr. Genl. to confer the title of Raja & Bahadoor upon Koonwur Hurrinauth.

2d. In the concluding Pargh. of your letter you direct me to report my sentiments as to the form of acknowledgement & investiture. In reply I beg to state to you for the information of His Lordship that the mode proposed in your letter would appear to be the best adopted for the occasion. I beg to suggest that the ceremony be performed after the Dusserah holidays & it may be necessary also to mention that the Khillat be of the same description & value as those lately bestowed upon the Setts & the Ministers of the Nizamut. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agent's Office, Wm. Loch,
the 14 Septr. 1824. *A.G.G.*

[927]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persn. Secy. to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—You will have the goodness to inform the Right Hon'ble the Govr. Genl. in Council that I have visited His Highness the Nuwab Nazim twice since the Mohurrum, & I am sorry to be obliged to convey to you very unfavourable accounts of H. H.'s health.

2d. I have already informed you, that the communication from the Govr. Genl. sanctioning his proceeding to Patna had been duly made to him. I need scarcely mention that the disappointment in effecting his ultimate object has been very great, indeed his entreaties to gain it have been advanced in such a pressing manner, as quite to distress me, so much so, as to wring from me a promise that, I would repeat my application to Govt.

3d. It is proper to state in the first place, that H. Highness has personally made to me the most ample apology for past events, & offered to write another to the Govr. Genl. to be dictated in any language I might think proper. I informed H. Highness, that as far as I was personally concerned, I felt satisfied with the apology made, that I was not aware of the necessity of submitting a further communication than that which was already with His Lordship, but that, I would take a suitable opportunity of mentioning his contrition ; at the same time, I thought it proper to add, H. Highness must recollect that as the matter was one of an official nature & could only affect me in my capacity of Agent, any forgiveness I might express as regarded my personal feelings, would have little weight possibly with the Govr. Genl. in Council whose dignity was materially insulted by the proceedings which had been unfortunately adopted by H. Highness. This conversation had occasioned much agitation to His Highness who frequently in the course of it, vociferated his apologies and his desire to respect them to His Lordship.

4th. In the course of the first visit I paid H. Highness, he made many entreaties, as I have already stated, to be permitted to visit Hindoostaun, & that, I should dictate the terms on which he should go that he had little hope of living long which would be entirely annihilated were this ray to be blasted—on the evening of this day I had the honor to receive the orders of Govt. on the subject of H. H.'s journey which communicated by me on the following morning to Ghaleb Alli Khan who had come to me with a message from H. H.—Having learnt the wishes & desires of the Government, he told me, he came to me from His Highness on this very subject—that H. H. again sent his entreaties to be permitted to proceed to the Western Provinces that in regard to the expence & the general management of the Nizamut he was willing to enter into any terms—that his son should be left behind him & if the Govr. Genl. pleased he would abdicate in his favor for the time being. I informed Ghaleb Alli it was not in my power to answer this last part of H. H.'s proposition, but in the meantime I desired him to make the communication from the Govt. known to H. Highness.

5th. On the day before yesterday I visited H. H. for the second time the scene which had occurred at the former interview was on the present occasion repeated, but under more pressing circumstances, & I found it impossible to resist, I may say the unmanly tears, of H. H. and to promise that I would lay H. H.'s entreaties before His Lordship in Council—Desirous that no mistake or misunderstanding should take place as to the mode of his journey & the character he was to assume, I sent for his two Ministers, Ghaleb Alli Khan & Raee Gungadhur yesterday, & repeated to them the term on which I proposed the application should be submitted to Govt. viz. that in the event of His Highness still persevering in his inclination to proceed to the Western Provinces, he must relinquish the intention of appearing there in his character of Nazim, that he must travel as a private individual, & that, he was not to expect any public honors, & of course that he would forego the attention from the native gentry which in other circumstances would be his due—that he was to diminish the number of his retinue & instead of taking with him 300 Sepoys and Toorkswars as was his original intention he would only select 30 men, & that the others of his followers should be reduced in the same proportion. That of his personal companions two or three should only accompany him, & that his fleet not to consist of more than 50 instead of 200 boats. That he was to avoid Dehli & it might be well also not to visit Lucnow. These were the Chief terms I required from H. H. before I could consent to submit the application, & I took the opportunity of repeating the necessity of his confirming to me, the power of exercising authority in the transaction of all matters connected with the Nizamat, on which subject, I intimated, it was my intention to write to H. H., in the event even, of his going no further than Patna, having reference to the conversation I already had had upon this matter with him.

6th. His Highness's Ministers waited upon me this morning accordingly & informed me that H. H. was ready to comply with all my suggestions that he was ready indeed to do anything I might propose for him—but he had some little hesitation on one or two points which he left entirely to my consideration & decision. The members of his followers he conceived I had diminished too much & he wished them to be increased but he assured me his fleet should not consist of more than *80 boats ;* in regard to public honors he felt extremely reluctant to occasion the slightest trouble or inconvenience but he hoped in the case of his landing at any of the stations where salutes of artillery were usually observed the compliment would not be neglected, and that, he would meet with that attention from the heads of the civil & military authorities and the principal natives of the place as to secure his person against any indignity. He also added, that however, if H. Lordship in Council objected to these public marks of respect he was willing to wave them, hoping only for attention at the hands of the local authorities. I now therefore submit the point to H. Lordship in Council to determine, & I trust I have not erred in receiving the entreaties which were thus made to me in the way I have done. I am not aware that by granting the indulgence to the extent proposed any serious objection can arise. We have late instances of persons high in rank travelling through our Provinces without occasioning any inconvenience, & under the terms which H. H. will now proceed the attention on the parts of the public authorities need not be such as to occasion inconvenience or trouble. It would of course be proper I think, that intimation should be given to the different authorities at those places where H. H. is likely to stop that attention may be paid him & to prevent him suffering any personal inconvenience.

7th. In regard to his son acting for him during his absence I am not aware of the necessity of such a measure & I must solicit the attention of H. Lordship in Council to that part of the proposition should the general question

meet his sanction. I have intimated to H. H.'s Ministers that this is a part of the question on which I can give no opinion. The business in fact can be transacted by the Naib Dewan under my orders.

8th. In regard to the expences I feel some difficulty in stating my opinion. The Nazim has been usually allowed 12,000 Rs. for expences in excursion which carried him to any distance from the city & any extra expence was discharged from his privy purse. On the present occasion this cannot be well calculated on and we must depend I fear on the deposits with the Nizamut officers. His Lordship in Council is aware of the heavy demands which have been made upon the privy purse under the orders of Govt. relating to the accounts of 1229 B.S. which leaves H. H.'s private finances so much reduced as to render this source unavailable at present. I propose therefore that we have resource to the deposits to meet the expence for the present, & that the Nazim be made to refund a certain proportion of the expences at a future period. The monthly expences will amount to between five & six thousand rupees, & we must also reckon an extra charge on his private acct. I am the more inclined to mention this means of present resource to meet these expences as my late report of the 30th ulto. will shew they be more available than any other & any inconvenience H. H. may experience hereafter from this present use of them must be patiently submitted to by him.

9th. I beg to take the opportunity of stating that in consequence of a want of assets in the public Treasury the Nizamut funds are extremely scanty just now & it is with difficulty preparation can be made for H.H.'s departure in consequence, and I am apprehensive, it will be totally impossible to tender any advance of money to H. H. to be taken with him. In this respect however it is better possibly that he should not take much ready money with him, & that, he be allowed to draw upon the Treasuries of Patna, Benares, Allahabad, Cawnpore, Futtehgurh, Barrelli & Meerut for the amt. of his monthly expenditure. In this case it would be necessary that the public functionaries should be informed accordingly & who might be desired to intimate to me the circumstance of payment being made that I may be prepared to settle the accounts at the close of the year. —I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agent's Office, W. Loch,
the 17 Septemr. 1824. *A. G. Genl.*

[928]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to the Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters under dates the 11th June last and 17th Instant ; the one conveying to me the instructions of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council on the subject of a demand due to the Government by His Highness the Nazim, for certain supplies of saltpetre furnished him from the Factory of the Honorable Company at Patna, & requiring His Highness to discharge the amount of that which may be due by him from the time of his accession to the Musnud to the period the accounts are brought down. By the other I am informed that certain charges for the article of Board Cloth are owing to the Government by the Nizamut & my attention is particularly directed to the propriety of demands of this nature being settled upon the delivery of the articles.

I request you will inform His Lordship in Council, that due attention will be paid to the instructions given in the Communication of the 17th Instant ; I beg however to offer a few remarks in regard to the subject of the Saltpetre which I beg you will lay before the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council.

I have in the first place to apologize for the delay which has occurred in replying to your letter upon this subject. His Highness's illness much plead my excuse, for altho' the wishes of Government have been communicated to him I have not yet been able to procure from him any distinct reply, the subject indeed appeared so disagreeable to him, he always made a point of waving it. I was however able to collect from him that he implicitly believed the article of Saltpetre had been virtually relinquished to him as a perquisite, that, had he not entertained this idea he never would have troubled the Govt. as he could have been more advantageously supplied by private contract.

In speaking to Rae Gungadhur upon the matter, he admitted his knowledge of an application having been formerly made for the payment of this article, but that, certainly he conceived it had been subsequently relinquished ; & he lamented the demand being made for the arrear due from the period of His Highness's accession, as under the existing difficulties of the Nizamut funds, every additional demand created a fresh embarrassment.

On my own part I must solicit the kind consideration of Government to the whole matters ; & I hope under the particular circumstances of the case His Lordship in Council will relinquish the claim. I do not mean to dispute it's justness for an instant, but it is one so unexpected, and we are really so little prepared to meet any new demands, however trifling they may be, that I cannot view them without considerable apprehension.

In the event of His Lordship in Council consenting to this indulgence, it shall be intimated to His Highness that he must no longer consider it as a perquisite, but hence forward provide himself as other individuals either by contract or upon the delivery of the article being made.

The original documents transmitted in your letter of the 11th June are herewith returned.—I am etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, W. Loch,
the 26th Septr. 1824. *A. G. G.*

[929]

Revd. W. Hovenden,
Treasurer & Secy. to the My. Orphan Society,
Kidderpore.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 23d Inst. & I beg to return the

statements which you will have the goodness to submit for payment to Mr. Magniac Judge and Magistrate of Moorshedabad.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, W. Loch,
the 28th Sept. 1824. *A. G. G.*

[930]

J. Trotter Esqr.,
Ag. Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose 3 Audited Bills for Sa. Rupees 3,868 with Duplicate receipts for the amount, which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, W. Loch,
the 12th Oct. 1824. *A. G. G.*

[An identical letter dated 9th Nov. not printed.—Ed.]

[931]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to the Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to report to you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council the unexpected return to Moorshedabad of His Highness the Nazim.

The Nuwab arrived this morning about 8 O'Clock from Bhauglipore which place he left the night before last having remained there only a day or two. I have not yet seen His Highness but it is my intention to call upon him to-morrow morning. Gungadhur informs me that the occasion of his return seems to have proceeded from a nervous apprehension of meeting with some accident on the river. That he felt alarmed at the apparent encrease of his disease and that he was disappointed in not finding any communication from me at Bhauglipore.

The account of his appearance and general state of health is very unfavorable and it is my intention to take Doctor Savage with me to-morrow to visit His Highness which arrangement has been suggested by His Highness himself.

The state of His Highness's health shall be duly reported to you after my interview with him to-morrow. —I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, W. Loch,
the 14th October 1824. *A. G. G.*

[932]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to the Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council that I visited His Highness this morning in company with Doctor Savage. We found His Highness's health much impaired and the disease with which he has been afflicted considerably encreased. I am sorry also to state that the Nuwab seems to have lost the use of his lower extremities, and that we observed a sensible difference in his appearance during the short period even we remained with him. We were told by Ghalib Alli that His Highness was at intervals in a state of delirium yet his apprehension was acute during our visit, tho' at times, it appeared to us that, his hearing was affected. Doctor Savage is of opinion that he is in extreme danger he still thinks that care & proper applications might restore him. His Highness notwithstanding these assurances decline to come to a decision as to employing Doctor Savage and I do not feel myself warranted in urging the matter further than I have done.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, W. Loch,
the 15th Oct. 1824. *A. G. G.*

[933]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to the Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I request you will report to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council that the Nazim's health has materially declined since the day before yesterday and from the information I have this instant received there is every reason to apprehend His Highness's sufferings cannot be much longer protracted but that dissolution will shortly relieve him from the serious malady under which he has been labouring for so many months.

It is my intention should the symptoms of dissolutions increase to repair to the Killah this evening where I shall remain until the event takes place. Doctor Savage who saw His Highness this morning though he considered him in imminent danger still thought that attention & care might do a great deal for him but as His Highness still persevered in following his own whims it was impossible for Doctor Savage to speak decidedly of his recovery and indeed the state of his health was so imminent that his demise might take place in the course of this night.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, W. Loch,
the 26 October 1824. *A.G.G.*

[934]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to the Govt., Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 17th ultimo forwarding to me the copy of a letter (in Persian) from Seet Bishen Chund, soliciting that a Khillaat might be conferred on his son, on the occasion of his marriage, and desiring me to report my sentiments as to the propriety and expediency of complying with that application. I am

likewise directed to allow Bishen Chund an opportunity of pointing out the precedents to which his Arzee refers.

Your letter reached me at the time I was preparing to accompany the Nazim to Jungipore, and I have had no opportunity until within these few days of conversing with Bishen Chund upon the subject. This circumstance will account for the delay which has occurred in replying to your letter.

In regard to the propriety and expediency of conferring this compliment, I am compelled to offer a dissentient opinion to the application, as to the precedent pointed out by Bishen Chund, it cannot in my opinion, be admitted as one on the present occasion having relation merely to Khillaats, presented to himself, and his late brother, Indur Chund, out of compliment to their father Juggut Seit whose character with the Government, and high rank, fully entitled him to such a distinction, while I am of opinion, neither the rank, consequence or conduct of Bishen Chund deserve so high a consideration. Had Bishen Chund been the head of the family, had he borne the title of Juggut Seit, and invariably conducted himself in a respectable and reputable manner, I would no doubt have supported the recommendation, I should even have done so, had he distinguished himself by any particular good act, but as I am unable to produce any good grounds for the high compliment he solicits I should do His Lordship in Council an injustice to support Bishen Chund's wishes. I have the honor to send copy of the letter which contains the order for conferring the Khillaat upon Bishen Chund above alluded to, and tho', no doubt, presented on the occasion of his own marriage, the motive and feeling which induced the Governor General to pay the compliment is very apparent.

In expressing these sentiments of Seit Bishen Chund, it is far from my wish to impress the mind of His Lordship in Council with such an unfavorable opinion of Bishen Chund's character as to exclude him from that consideration to which he has always been accustomed, I only desire to wave a compliment which by becoming a precedent in the person of Bishen Chund may at a future period prove an inconvenience to the Government.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, W. Loch,
the 28th October 1824. *A.G.G.*

[935]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to the Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Seit Bishen Chund has presented me with a letter, a copy and translation of which I have the honor to enclose intimating that his Aunt, the Wife of the late Seit Gocool Chund, is anxious to make a pilgrimage to Gya, Benarus, Allahabad, and Meerut, and begs I will obtain for her a "Rahdaree Perwana" under the signature of the Governor General—His letter likewise contains a request that the tax demandable at Gya and Allahabad may be relinquished in favor of the Lady and 100 of her followers and that under His Lordship's kindness the usual orders may be given accordingly.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, W. Loch,
the 28th October 1824. *A.G.G.*

[936]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to the Government, Fort William.

Sir,—The imminent danger of His Highness the Nazim was duly communicated to you on the 27th Inst., and Doctor Savage's opinion, of his possible speedy dissolution, was likewise mentioned to you in my letter. That event has now taken place, and which, I request you will announce to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council.

His Highness expired at ½ past 9 O'Clock this morning.

The titles borne by His Highness were "Boorhan-ool-Moolk, Ihtisham-oo-doulah ; Walyjah, Seyud Ahmud Alli Khan Bahadoor Mahabut Jung" His Highness was in his 29th Year and he has left a son Seyud Moobaruk Alli Khan who is now entering his 13th year.

You will likewise have the goodness to inform His Lordship in Council that every arrangement has been made with Colonel Shawe for the funeral which ceremony will take place to-morrow morning at an early hour.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, W. Loch,
the 30th October 1824. *A.G.G.*

[937]

Coll. Shawe,
Commanding at Berhampore.

Sir,—The event of which I gave you private intimation as likely to occur has now taken place.

His Highness the Nazim departed His life at ½ past 9 O'Clock this morning and I have to request that the arrangements which have been already proposed by me in my private communication with you may be adhered to—It is proposed that the funeral shall take place tomorrow morning at as early an hour as (torn) therefore have the goodness to direct the party to be at the Chauke as suggested by me.—I have etc.

Agents Office,
Moorshedabad, Willm. Loch,
the 30th October 1824. *A.G.G.*

[938]

Captain Cooke,
Brigade Major, Berhampore.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date in reply to the Communication made by me to Colonel Shawe announcing the death of the Nuwab Nazim.

Agreeably to your request I send two persons the one for the purpose of conducting the troops to the Killah tomorrow morning and the other will accompany the Guns.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, W. Loch,
the 30th Octr. 1824. *A.G.G.*

[939]

A Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to the Government, Fort William.

Sir,—The demise of His late Highness Seyud Ahmud Alli Khan Nazim of Bengal was duly communicated to you on the 30th ultimo, by Express, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council.

2d. Yesterday morning the funeral ceremony was performed and the whole was concluded by ½ past 9 O'Clock. Of the troops in attendance on the occasion 500 men were of His Majesty's 87th Regt. besides one Company of Native Infantry. The whole detachment was under the command of Lieut. Coll. Browne & it is only due to that officer to state the excellent manner in which everything was executed, the whole ceremony having been performed without a single obstacle or the least delay, notwithstanding the numerous trains of followers in attendance and the vast concourse of people assembled on the occasion. His Highness's son, Seyud Moobaruk Alli Khan, attended as chief mourner, and every member of the family, I believe, was present. Colonel Shawe, Commanding at Berhampore likewise attended with his Brigade Major, Captn. Cooke, and Messrs Magniac Smelt and Savage also obliged me with their presence. Having returned with the young Moobaruk Alli to the Killah I thought it incumbent on me to pay his mother a visit of condolence. It is the first visit I have ever paid this lady the etiquette of the Nizamut having rendered a previous visit to her unnecessary.

3. After transacting some trifling business I retired leaving the boy to the charge of his masters.

4. To-day I again visited the Killah for the purpose of giving some orders in regard to the conduct to be observed towards Moobaruk Alli and likewise to inform myself as to the conduct the relations may have observed on the occasion of the ceremony of condolence. It is with very great pleasure I have to inform you that all parties have conducted themselves entirely to my satisfaction. The young boy took an opportunity of expressing to his Grand Uncle, the Nuwab Munglee, the sorrow he felt at the difference which he understood had existed between his father and him, but hoped, it would be burried in oblivion. The Nuwab Munglee, I am told, made a very suitable and proper acknowledgement and in short everything at present wears a prosperous appearance and I sincerely think under cautious guidance affairs may be brought to a most happy conclusion. Of these particulars, it may be only necessary to mention to other circumstances which have been done, relieving as they do, very serious private as well as public inconvenience. The one particular to which I allude is the removal of the shops from before the Nuwab Munglee's house, and the other is, having re-opened a Ghaut which His late Highness had deemed proper to shut up to the great hardship and inconvenience of the neighbourhood. With reference to this Ghaut it is an extraordinary coincidence that one of the first acts of the late Nuwab's unhappy life, was the prohibition to the community to frequent this Ghaut for water, tho' it had been an indulgence granted by all the preceding Nazims—the act occasioned most serious embrage, and I believe, called down many unpleasant inovations on his head. Tho' these were reported to His Highness, and the inconvenience pointed out to him, he remained obstinate to the last, little contemplating how soon it was to be employed for the purpose of his own funeral, it being a custom of the family to wash the body in the Gunges previous to it's being carried to the Musjid and the Ghaut in question being the only accessible one in the vicinity, the corps was carried there accordingly, and by this means the existing restrictions were removed.

5. It is now proper for me to mention to you the request His late Highness made previous to his death, and generally, the conduct to be observed and the measures which were adopted consequent on his demise.

6. When he became convinced his end was approaching he sent for his Begum and Child the former it would seem he allowed to depart without having apparently noticed her presence—the latter remained with him for sometime—having then assembled all those to whom he had at any time behaved with hardship—he turned to them and through the means of the native physician in attendance, said he lamented the bad and harsh expression he had ever made use of towards them and hoped, before he left this world they would forgive him—this naturally created much lamentation to his son he also spoke of his severity to him, but was desirous of impressing his mind with the propriety of his conduct and the benefit he would hereafter experience from it. On the day previous to his death he said to me that attention of Ghalib Alli Khan and Durrab Alli Khan had been unparalleled—that he hoped I would take care of them and procure for them and Raee Girdharee Loll a pension. Shortly after he again said to me, "your own attention and kindness to me have been very great, I am very sensible of your goodness, and may God bless you." At a future period he also observed, "the Nuwab Munglee and myself have been upon most unfortunate terms. We have both been in the wrong! I forgive him all the injuries I have suffered from him, and I trust he will be equally charitable towards me." On the same day he sent for his three nieces but was scarcely sensible when they visited him. Thus His Highness made peace with those around him before he left this transitory world.

7. Upon the event of His Highness's demise occurring, I did not lose a moment in executing the measures which had been previously determined on by Raee Gungadhur and myself. It is scarcely necessary to mention the apprehensions I entertained, that considerable spoliations might be committed by certain individuals immediately about His Highness's person, and in whose charge, the most valuable part of the Nizamut property was lodged—As the symptoms therefore of dissolution advanced the vigilance of Raee Gungadhur, and myself was encreased and when the event did take place, taking Moobaruk Alli with me I visited every spot within the Killah, where property was at all likely to be

deposited, and secured the whole, under our joint seals. I took with me also the keys of the different chest boxes and rooms which contained the property, besides stationing sentries over them. I have every reason to think our exertions have been attended with the most favorable results, and it would be quite unjust did I not bring to the very favorable notice of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council the very Zealous and excellent conduct of Raee Gungadhur on this important occasion for we have not only succeeded beyond our anticipations in securing the property, but it has been done without the slightest disturbance or commotion of any kind.

8. In conclusion, I have to make a few observations, to which, I beseech the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council. It has been my duty on several previous occasions to bring to the notice of Govt. the character and general influence of Ghalib Alli Khan and his several relations, at this moment, they hold the most important offices in the Nizamut. It is quite unnecessary for me to point out any part of the conduct of Ghalib Alli or his relations, but the late events which have occasioned so much trouble to the Government and vexation and annoyance to those upon the spot are quite sufficient to shew the necessity of an immediate change, and of this, I am the more persuaded, as I know endeavours have been already made to poison the mind of the young Moobaruk Alli Khan. To prevent the evil as far as lies in my power, I have intimated to Ghalib Alli that affairs, as far as regards the public establishments, are to remain on the same footing as usual until the pleasure of Government be obtained—that the Establishment of Masters and servants originally appointed to attend Moobaruk Alli Khan by his father was also to remain in status quo, and that I expected no person would attempt to interfere or concern themselves with the boy without my express permission. The expressions I repeated today to the Young Nuwab himself and his masters, in the presence of Gungadhur adding that I should hold the masters deeply responsible for any impropriety that might occur and to be careful accordingly.

9. Without possessing the instructions and wishes of Government under the present state of affairs, it may almost be presumptuous to offer any suggestion as to the course which may be hereafter followed. Yet I feel an important and heavy charge devolving upon me—my whole care and anxiety is to execute that charge with propriety, with credit to myself and to the satisfaction of the Government. The presence of Ghalib Alli or any one of his relations, would be and is, the occasion of much embarrassment. Their intriguing and bad dispositions have already cast me much uneasiness—they are generally detested by the family of the Nazims and they bear a bad character throughout the city. I am in fact, anxious they should be removed entirely from all offices under the Nizamut. Ghalib Alli's conduct towards His late Highness during his tedious illness was certainly the most exemplary I ever witnessed ; It would not be just or good to attribute any self interested motives to his behaviour and I should be more willing to allow his conduct to have proceeded from principles of pure friendship. The office which he holds is one of an entirely new character in the Nizamut and was suggested by Mr. Ricketts merely, to gratify the wishes of the late Nazim. The situation can be abolished with propriety, and in compliance with the request of his dying master, either the whole or the moiety of the salary attached to it be granted to him for life, provided he leaves Moorshedabad, and retires to some distant retreat where he may receive his salary and pass the remainder of his days in seclusion. Durrab Alli Khan being a Eunuch and in a manner attached to the Nizamut some arrangement can be made for him at a future period, and although, he is not by any means a person I would at all sanction to be employed near the person of the young Nuwab. Yet I conceive him to be more a tale-bearer and promoter of scandal than an intriguer. The third person mentioned by His late Highness was Raee Girdhareelol the Vakeel at Calcutta. I have no reason to see why this man should be removed from his present situation a pension consequently would be very inexpedient and inconvenient, at all events not having any ostensible reason for bestowing a pension upon him, to grant so distinguished a favor would only be encouraging persons to practice the many insidious acts, of which, he has been in many instances too much the promoter. The only act I am aware of for which Girdhareelol deserves a recompense was that of making His Highness sensible of the dangerous errors into which he had fallen, in his late misconduct with myself, and then too it does not appear clear to me, he was not himself an original promoter of that disposition towards me which he found afterwards so difficult to keep within due bounds.

10. Some hints might be here offered as to the future arrangements of the different Establishments but I shall postpone this subject until I am favored with the instructions of Government as to the future views His Lordship in Council entertains generally on the question. I deem it however extremely necessary to solicit His Lordship's attention and consideration to the style and mode of education to be adopted for the young Moobaruk Alli Khan and whether it would not be advisable to have put under the tuition and guardianship of some distinguished and respectable man who might be quite free from the influence of Nizamut venality. Of the persons who now superintend his education I have no particular personal knowledge but Moorad Alli Khan who is considered the superior, is totally deficient in the manners of a gentleman and his language does not appear to me to portray the man of education—his character too is that of a harsh and severe master, and from his hand, Moobaruk Alli Khan has frequently received most improper and very inhuman chastisement. The boy however has made no complaint against him to me, and altho' I have reason to know he dislikes him, in my presence he treated him with very proper respect. There is a Deputy Master and Khooshnovwees, Meer Bhoochoo, who bears a very good character and if I am to rely upon the specimen of writing he shewed me a few weeks ago as the performance of Moobaruk Alli I can safely say it does both master and scholar the highest credit.

11. In regard to the accommodation for the Young Nuwab I will hereafter submit the arrangements I have in contemplation.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 1st November 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[940]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to the Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 29th ultimo, transmitting to me the copy of a translation of a letter from Seit Bishen Chund, and desiring me to report to you for the information of Government my sentiments as to the propriety and expediency of complying with his application.

On the 28th ultimo I did myself the honor to forward to you for the purpose of being submitted to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council an application of a similar nature which had been presented to me by the Seit, accompanied with a recommendation from myself that it should be complied with. I now repeat the solicitation as I conceive the indulgence quite consistent with propriety and due to the rank of the lady in question.

The request however contained in the latter part of Bishen Chund's letter vizt. "to grant letters recommending Moolchund to the favorable notice of the Public officers of Government at the several stations they propose to visit." I am of opinion should not be granted. Moolchund is not of sufficient rank to entitle him to this distinction, at all events, it will answer every purpose if the letters of introduction are from me.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 2d November 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[941]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to the Government, Fort William.

Sir,—His late Highness's son, Moobaruk Alli Khan, conceiving the loan of some Elephants may be acceptable to Government at this juncture, has requested me to make known his wishes of tendering twenty for it's use, or for the public service.

I beg therefore you will have the goodness to make known to His Lordship in Council the offer of the young Nuwab, and in the event of the Elephants proving of use to the Government I shall be happy to receive orders in regard to their destination.

I beg also to state to you for the information of the Governor General in Council, that I have expressed to the Nuwab, not only my own sense of the propriety of his conduct on this occasion but I have also signified to him, that I knew, such attention would be extremely gratifying to my Lord Amherst and to the other members of the Council.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 9th Nov. 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[942]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose 3 Audited Bills for Sa. Rs. 3,868 with Duplicate receipts for the amount, which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 9th Nov. 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[943]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose my Duplicate receipts for Sa. Rupees 4,000/- being the balance of the amt. Authorized by Government to be expended in the Repairs of Buildings connected with the Mootee Jheel which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 9th Nov. 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[944]

(Torn),
Acting Collector of Customs, Patna.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 10th August last which has inadvertently been allowed to remain unanswered.

2d. It would seem from the enquiry I have made that Hossein Ally the person alluded to in your letter is a servant of the Nizamut & had been dispatched by the late Nazim to Hindoostan for the purpose of purchasing horses and articles the productives of the Upper Provinces & the neighbouring countries.

3d. In regard to the regularity of the Purwanah or otherwise I will not venture an opinion but there is no doubt the property seized by your officers (torn) to the late Nazim. Should it be subject to any duty you will have the goodness to charge the same, when the amount will be duly transmitted to you—In the meantime I request you will have the goodness to send for Darogah purchased the Nizamut Mookhtiarkar who resides in Nujjem-oodeen Alli Gung & direct the property to be delivered to his care.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agent's Office,
the 10th November 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[945]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to the Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Mr. Travers, the Collector of Moorshedabad, having intimated to me his reluctance to pay the Vizt.

Stipend, tho' under my countersignature, without the express orders of the Government, I have to request, you will take an early opportunity of obtaining from the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, his sanction, to the Collector's paying the same under the signature of the Naib Dewan, countersigned by myself, or in any other method which may appear most proper to His Lordship in Council.

2. I have thought it expedient to communicate this circumstance, as it has already created inconvenience, and it may be the occasion of greater as such an objection would possibly obstruct any arrangements His Lordship in Council may have in contemplation for the future management of the Nizamut family.

3. It is at the same time proper to mention to you, that, Mr. Trotter, the late Acting Collector paid to the Nizamut the stipend for September last upon receipts being granted under my countersignature.

4. I have likewise to mention, that the Collector seems to entertain an equal reluctance to advance money under my receipt for the purchase of materials for the use of the Palace, I beg therefore orders may be also issued on that head. It may be proper to state to you for the information of Government that in compliance with Captain Buxton's request I have contracted for a considerable quantity of Chunam and Timbers that likewise considerable quantities of bricks are being prepared for which I have made advances from funds not appertaining to the palace account.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 11th Novr. 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[946]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose my Duplicate Receipts for Sa. Rupees 4,534-10-8 and to request the favor of your discharging the amount in Bank notes should you not have cash in the Treasury.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 12th Nov. 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[947]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to the Govt., Fort William.

Sir,—Enclosed I have the honor to forward Letters addressed to His Lordship in Council from the son of His Highness the late Nuwab Seyud Ahmed Alli Khan and his Widow Nujeeboonissa Begum in reply to those which accompanied your Dispatch of the 3d Instant. —I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 16th November 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[948]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 12th instant annexing the copy of one from the Nuwab Meer Mehdee to the address of the Govr. General, and stating to me, that, as the Government had no disposition to insist on the Nuwab's continued separation from his family at Moorshedabad I am authorised to grant him permission to return to his home, should I be aware of no material objections to that arrangement.

2d. I request that you will have the goodness to inform His Lordship in Council, that I am extremely desirous that the Nuwab should return to Moorshedabad for many reasons, & the arrangement has only been delayed by circumstances over which, until lately I had no controul.

3d. From being on terms of the most intimate kind, with his late Highness, a determined hostility ; and notwithstanding the distinct explanation of the Govr. General's wishes with which I furnished the late Nazim, and an ample apology having been made by Mehdee, yet no entreaty or expostulation could move the Nazim to sanction his uncle's return. His late Highness's illness induced me to defer bringing the matter to the notice of the Govr. Genl., when his death, having removed the difficulties I determined to recall both Mehdee & Abool Hossein.

4th. Previously to doing so, it was my wish to ascertain how far their sense of propriety would actuate their conduct towards the son of the late Nazim, hoping, they would take a proper advantage of the moment, & by offering suitable marks of condolence, afford an opportunity to the young Nuwab to desire their presence. It is only justice to the boy to mention also, that of his own accord, he expressed his desire they should be recalled.

5th. From the Nuwab Mehdee an application has been received by me for his return and tho' he refers to the demise of the late Nazim, as removing the only obstacle to it, yet he never mentions the Nuwab Moobaruk Alli Khan, nor has he in any way paid him the compliment of condolence, which has been so punctually and properly observed by the other members of the family. The whole tenor of his letter is far from being couched in those terms which I had wished and expected, and I have prepared a letter in reply to his, pointing out his want of proper conduct on such an

occasion, and the mode & channel through which a message of condolence might be offered, when I was favored with your dispatch to which I have now the honor of replying.

6th. It is still my intention to send the letter in question to him, and to signify to him, the propriety of his offering this mark of respect, to the young Nuwab when of course, proper orders for his return will be issued.

7th. In regard to the Nuwab Abool Hossein I cannot learn any good account of the manner of his life, and I only know he is alive by the receipt of a letter from him occasionally, which is forwarded to me, by the Judge of Bhaugulpore. It is my intention however to write to him also upon the subject, and to advise him how to act on the occasion.

8th. The circumstances I have here related are the causes which have delayed the execution of the wishes expressed on a former occasion by His Lordship in Council, and I hope, they are sufficient to exonerate me from any want of attention to His Lordship's desires, and that the conduct I have now deemed proper to assume towards the persons in question, will be approved of.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, W. Loch,
the 22d Novr. 1824. *A. G. General.*

[949]

Moran Esqr.,
Berhampore.

Sir,—I enclose a note which was addressed by you the 23d Ultimo to Mirza Gholaum Hossein regarding a parcel sent to your charge by Mr. Myles from Lucnow, at the request of Gholaum Hossein, with a message, that it should be conveyed to his sister Noor Jehan Begum —The parcel in question seems by some mistake to have been sent to the wrong person, and is not now to be found ; the son of the person to whom it was sent, distinctly denies ever having received it. I allude to the Nuwab Zuffer Jung, the son of Nuwab Soulut Jung, and the person to whom the parcel is said to have been delivered is the Begum, the mother, to Zuffer Jung.

2d. I request therefore you will inform me particularly as to the whole of this transaction, and state distinctly if you can, the day on which the parcel was sent to the (torn) at the time—You will (torn) to me if you please, the name of the person who brought the verbal message from the Begum, acquainting you with the delivery of the parcel to the person for whom it was intended, and of the Begum having a receipt for same. You will likewise inform me, if the person, (torn) brought this message, mentioned it in the presence of any one, and if other persons are acquainted with dispatch and delivery of the parcel to the Begum of Nuwab Soulut Jung.—I am etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agent's Office, W. Loch,
the 24th Novr. 1824. *A. G. G.*

[950]

Lieutt. Coll. Canliffe,
Commissary General, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 17th Instt., & in reply I beg to acquaint you that the twenty Elephants lent by H. Highness the Nuwab Nazim of Bengal to the British for the public service will be dispatched to Dacca on Monday next the 29th Current.

2d. I beg (torn) that the (illegible) of the Elephants (torn) will be defrayed by the Nizamut—A month's allowances have been advanced on this account and a further sum equal to five month's provision will be sent to the Officer Commanding at Dacca.

3d. Enclosed I have the pleasure to send a Statement giving an account of the articles to be furnished the Elephants in which also are included their names and those of the Muhouts.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agent's Office, W. Loch,
the 27 Novr. 1824. *A. G. G.*

[951]

Brigadier General Shuldham
or Officer in Command, Dacca.

Sir,—I have the honor to inform you that on Monday next the 29th Current, twenty Elephants belonging to the Nuwab Nazim of Bengal, will be dispatched to Dacca on account of the public service.

2d. The Foujdar in charge of them has been directed to put himself under your orders, and I request, you will direct such instructions to be given to him, as you may deem proper.

3d. The expence attending the feeding of the Elephants, and the amt. of wages & other allowance made to their attendants, will be defrayed by the Nizamut—and I beg to inform you that, on this act., an order from the Collector of Moorshedabad (torn) to five (torn) already advanced, and I have the [honor] to enclose a statement containing an acct. of the monthly [allowance] made to each Elephant, and in which, are, inclu[ded] their names & those of the Muhauts.

4. I have to request, that should not the sum [I] have now the honor to send, be sufficient to defray the expence attending the Elephants during the time their services may be required, you will have the goodness to intimate the same to me hereafter, and in sufficient time, to enable me to send you a further supply of money for their use.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agent's Office,
the 27 November 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

Enclosure No. 1.

Account of supplies required daily for 7 Male & 13 Female Elephants

	Names of Elephants	Names of the Elephant drivers	Articles required to be furnished Daily for each Elephant			
			Rice p. each Day	Salt each p. Day	Oil each p. Day	Ghee each p. Day
			M. S. C.	M. S. C.	M. S. C	M. S. C.
1	Cazee Buksh	Peeroo	0-18- 0	0- 0- 4	0- 0- ½	0- 0- ¼
2	Afree Buksh	Hingun	0-18- 0	0- 0- 4	0- 0- ½	0- 0- ¼
3	Loll Soondur	Akallee	0-18- 0	0- 0- 4	0- 0- ½	0- 0- ¼
4	Bahadoor Guz	Syfoo	0-18- 0	0- 0- 3	0- 0- ½	0- 0- ¼
5	Gybbuksh	Punnahoollah	0-15- 0	0- 0- 3	0- 0- ½	0- 0- ¼
6	Lall Koonur	Luckkoo	0-13- 0	0- 0- 2	0- 0- ½	0- 0- ¼
7	Emambuksh	Bodoollah	0-12- 0	0- 0- 2	0- 0- ½	0- 0- ¼
8	Mootee Malah	Panchoo	0-13- 0	0- 0- 2	0- 0- ½	0- 0- ¼
9	Pawn Mallah	Soobhan	0-13- 0	0- 0- 2	0- 0- ½	0- 0- ¼
10	Chunchul Purree	Emaumoodeen	0-13- 0	0- 0- 2	0- 0- ½	0- 0- ¼
11	Roopmuttee	Dhunnoo	0-13- 0	0- 0- 2	0- 0- ½	0- 0- ¼
12	Soojun Peearee	Juggoo	0-13- 0	0- 0- 2	0- 0- ½	0- 0- ¼
13	Suddah Soohagin	Peeroo	0-10- 0	0- 0- 2	0- 0- ½	0- 0- ¼
14	Purree Pykur	Harroo	0-12- 0	0- 0- 2	0- 0- ½	0- 0- ¼
15	Fyzran (torn)		0-11- 0	0- 2- 0	(torn)	0- 0- ¼
16	Jullah (torn)	Deendar	0- 9- 0	0- 1- 0	Do.	(torn)
17	Chumpah	Peeroo	0- 9- 0	0- 0- 1	Do.	Do.
18	Rwtee	Syfoo	0- 8- 0	0- 0- 1	0- 0- ½	Do.
19	Foolkullee	Khyrattee	0- 7- 8	0- 0- 1	0- 0- ½	Do.
20	Hossein Peearee	Kaderbuksh	0- 7- 8	0- 0- 1	0- 0- ½	Do.
		required daily	6-11- 0	0- 2-11	0- 0-10	Do.
		Do. Monthly	188-10- 0	2- 0-10	0-18-12	Do.

188M.-10S.-0C.	Rice at a supposed rate	22 Seers p. rupee		342- 4- 5
2- 0-10	Salt at	Do.	5 rs. p. mand.	10- 1- 5
0-18-12	Oil at	Do.	8 seers p. Rupee	2- 5-10
0- 9- 6	Ghee at	Do.	2 seers p. Do.	4-11- 0
	Add a further allowance for each Elephant @ 4 As. p. day.			369- 6- 0
			Sa. Rupees 5/- for a month	150- 0- 0
				519- 6- 0
			Mussallah for the Elephants	10- 0- 0
				529- 6- 0

Enclosure No. 2.

Wages and Battah allowed to the servants Employed on the 20 Elephants

Wages		
To 1 Foujdar	10	
,, 1 Duffadar	4	
,, 7 Elephant driver in charge of 7 male Elept. @ 4/- each	28	
,, 13 Do. Do. in charge of 13 female Do. @ 3/- each	39	
,, 40 Mates @ 1/4 ea. . .	50	131- 0
Battah		
To 1 Foujdar @ 3 As. p. day .	5-10	
,, 1 Duffadar @ 2 As. p. do. .	3-12	
,, 2 Elephant drivers @ 2 As. ea. p. day	75- 0	
,, 4 Mates @ 1 A. ea. p. day .	75- 0	159- 6
		290- 6

Abstract

Monthly amt. of Supplies required for the (torn) .		529- 6- 0
Do. Wages and Battah		290- 6- 0
Total amt. required monthly	Sa. Rs.	819-12- 0
1 one of the above acctt. is sent to the Brigadier Genl. Shuldham		Dacca
1 Do. Do. to Captn. Sneyd . . .		Dacca

[952]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Enclosed I have the honor to forward Copies of letters from the Pers. Secy. to the Government for your information.

2d. I beg to be informed whether the state of your Treasury will admit of your discharging the Nizamut Stipends, and if so when application may be made accordingly.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agent's Office,
the 27 Nov. 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[953]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to send you the sum of Sa. Rs. 4,048-12 being the amt. to be appropriated in the feed &ca. of the Twenty Elephants lent by H. Highness the Nuwab Nazim to the British Governmt. for the public service. I beg you will have the goodness to grant me a Draft for the above amount on the Treasury at Dacca made payable to the Brigadier General Shuldham or the Officer Commanding at that Station.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agent's Office,
the 29 Nov. 1824.

W. Loch,
A. G. G.

[954]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 12th ulto. communicating to me the orders and observations of the Right Hon'ble the Govr. Genl. in Council on a dispatch submitted by me to Government under date the 1st Ulto.

2d. It affords me much pleasure to find my conduct has been approved on this occasion, and in reply to the 3d Paragraph of your letter, in which you direct me to communicate the date on which the ceremony of installation of the Nuwab Moobaruk Alli, as Nazim, shall be performed, and to ascertain the titles by which the young Nazim wishes to be proclaimed, I have the honor to state to you, that, Thursday, the 16th of December is the date now determined for the day of installation, and the titles by which Moobaruk Alli is desirous to be proclaimed are as follows "Soojah-ool-Moolk, Ihtisham-oo-Doulah, Hemayoonjah, Seyud Moobaruk Alli Khan Behadoor, Feeroz Jung."

3d. The next and most important point on which I am called to offer an opinion is, whether a Guardian should be formally appointed to superintend the affairs of the Nizamut as well as to guide the conduct generally of the Young Nuwab. And if such be deemed expedient, I am required, to signify my sentiments on two propositions suggested by the Government—The one proposition suggests the appointment of the Nuwab Munglee as guardian, in as far as, regards the management and control of the affairs of the Nizamut, whilst, the person of the young Nazim, would be committed to the custody of the Begum mother—However confident I feel that a trust so important would be conscientiously and ably executed by the Nuwab Munglee, I entertain a doubt as to the feeling such an appointment might create in the minds of other members of the family, & I should also apprehend the appointment might even originate expectation in the mind of Munglee himself, in regard to certain establishments being appointed to attend him, and a provision being allotted for his support for the remainder of his life, which, would be extremely inconvenient ; the terms too on which be might possibly hope to stand with relation to the Nazim at the end of the minority, would not only occasion a mutual and unpleasant misunderstanding between them, but again, involve and embarrass the Government itself with disagreeable and constant discussions. I am equally averse to the boy's person being left to the custody of the Begum mother, who tho' a well behaved lady, is so totally deficient in her mind and intellects, as to be a perfect nonentity in the Muhul Seraie, where, the sole

control seems to rest with an old lady, the nurse of the late Nazim. This person bears an excellent character in regard to conduct and attachment to the family and I believe she has the most sincere affection for the young Nazim, but she is so complete a bigot, possess so many foolish and idle prejudices which are constantly interfering with and swaying her best intentions, and her influence, at the same time, seems to be so paramount in this Zenana, that I should apprehend, if the Nazim did not turn out to be a man of a bigoted and partial disposition, he would still be a person of very contracted illeberal and possibly of effeminate nations. These considerations induce me to offer a dissentient opinion to the first proposition, and those I have last expressed, will weigh equally against the other suggestion, & more particularly too, when I consider the jealous feeling which exists throughout the family & which to my knowledge has been the occasion of the many feuds and disturbances that have upon various instances taken place. I should fear indeed that to place the Begum mother in a situation so prominent as that of guardian, however contracted her power might be, would create a very unpleasant sensation in the mind of the Ameeroonissa Begum. If she became guardian affairs would at all events be transacted in her name, and all payments made under her order, thus raising her to a degree of dignity above that of the Dhoolin Begum, and which at no future period could be easily withdrawn from her. Viewing the subject in this light alone, presents to me, a serious obstacle to the arrangement, and when I take into consideration the various objections I have stated I feel myself fully warranted in not recommending it's adoption to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council.

4th. Having thus expressed my sentiments on the plans which the Government have condescended to desire my opinion upon, and those sentiments being at variance with the propositions entertained by the Government, it is incumbent in me to point out the method by which the affairs of the Nizamut might be carried on henceforth, I beg therefore to offer the following observations and statement for the consideration of the Government.

5th. The first object to be considered is, whether a guardian be absolutely necessary or not ; and if the dignity of the Nizamut require that a person of this character should exist, whether he should be a member of the family or a person quite independent of the Nizamut. I am directed by the Government to be guided in my opinions by precedent and the wishes of the family generally & with reference to the present state of the Nizamut affairs. The only precedent we can quote is that of Moobaruk-oo-Doulah, who succeeded to his brother Syfoodoulah at the tender age of thirteen years. The Records of my office do not furnish me with any account whatever either of his accession to the Musnud or the rules under which the guardianship were formed, and what is still more extraordinary that with the exception of the Nuwab Diljaun, & Mirza Gholaum Hossein the Acting Darogah of Adaulutool-Allia and a person named Moonshee Damoodhur Doss, I cannot discover any one who can give an account of those times ; from them even the information is incorrect, and unsatisfactory, and cannot at all be relied on. It would seem however that the executive branch of the Department having been previously vested in the hands of the Nuwab Mozuffer Jung, better Known, probably, by the name of Rezza Alli Khan, he was continued on the accession of Moobaruk-oo-Doulalh to exercise the functions of Naib Nazim in concert with and under the advice of the Resident or Chief of the Provl. Council with whom also was conjoined the Munnee Begum whose influence and power were acknowledged throughout every Department of the Nizamut. It must have been about this period when Rezza Khan fell into difficulties with our Government and I cannot learn any distinct account of the manner in which affairs were transacted in relation to the Nazim further than everything was controlled by the chief and the Munnee Begum. From matter so imperfect it is impossible to form a precedent at all satisfactory, nor indeed would a precedent of such old standing, coincide, in my opinion, with the present state of the Nizamut Affairs. Moreover if I am to judge of the general feeling of the members of the Nizamut family any arrangement of the description above alluded to would be far from acceptable. In short it appears to me that a guardian if appointed, whether from amongst the members of the family or that he be quite unconnected with the Nizamut are both objectionable. The one as likely to create jealousy and heart burnings ; the other as likely to occasion dissatisfaction and discontent besides heaping upon the Nizamut an expence which it could ill support.

6th. The Governor General in Council has been pleased to state that it is his intention under any arrangement to extend my control & power over the Nizamut Affairs and expenditure to a very considerable degree. It seems to me therefore that the executive duties might be carried on by the Naib Dewan in the same manner as if he was under the control of his master the Nazim—only that instead of receiving the Nazim's orders in regard to the control, conduct, & distribution of payments & stipends & generally indeed of the expenditure at large, the same shall be referred to me & executed under my superintendence—Even appeals from the Court of Adaulut-ool-allia might be received by me, and in short, the whole management of Nizamut Affairs might be submitted to my superintendence leaving the execution as I said before to Raie Gungadhur the Naib Dewan. An arrangement of this kind will not only simplify the management of the affairs, but it will be a great saving of expence, time & trouble—Whilst therefore the executive part of the Nizamut would be thus promoted I beg to suggest that the young Nuwab shall have separate apartments, and his person entrusted to a respectable set of men whose duty it shall be to superintend his mental and moral education as well as to be his companions and advisers. For such a task Morrad Alli is certainly not the person who could undertake to superintend it. I see no objection however that he should be retained as an underling, for if he continues to conduct himself with as much propriety as he has done of late I shall have no reason to complain. My intention is, that there shall be a person of decided respectability character and talent appointed as a head preceptor to the boy who shall watch over and conduct his education, while the other shall be sub-

ordinate to him in the general management of the boy, and be guided by the principles which shall be suggested from time to time by myself. There is a person to whom I think this trust can be confided with propriety—Mooftee Mohd. Moiz is one of the Law officers of the Provincial Court—He was formerly the Mouluvee to the City Court when I held the situation of Judge & Magistrates and I had then reason to be highly satisfied with his conduct generally—both in his official capacity as well as private character he always stood most fair, and at this day he bears the same good name he ever did. He is a man of great modesty, quite unassuming in his manners, his education has been very good and his talents of the most respectable kind. To this man therefore I would confide the young Nazim, and I feel assured we shall not be disappointed in the selection. I beg to propose, as an inducement to the Moftee to relinquish his present situation, that his salary should be fixed at 300 Rupees a month, and that, after the minority he shall either hold some situation under the Nizamut or have a pension. It might also be proposed and secured to him that should anything occur to create a misunderstanding in this arrangement he shall be supported from the Nizamut until I should be able either to get him reinstated in his original situation or procure for him another of equal value.

7th. I have now only one point more to notice to the Government—It regards the situation of Raie Gungadhur—Should the arrangement I have now suggested meet the approval of the Governor General in Council the task which will devolve upon him will be one, not only of great responsibility and trust, but one of much labour—With reference too to the dignity of the Nizamut, it does not appear to me to be consistent, that the duty I have proposed to be entrusted to and executed by Gungadhur, should be confided to a person bearing simply the title of Naib Dewan. Much difficulty has occurred of late years to procure a proper person to fill the situation of Dewan, & consequently the transaction of the whole business has fallen upon Raie Gungdhur. I know no one more capable or even so fit to execute the duties of this important charge, as Gungadhur and I am not aware of any impropriety, were he nominated to the situation, and honored with the title of Dewan, as well as having the burthen and being made responsible for the due execution of the office. Should this arrangement meet the sanction of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council it would be proper to augment his salary to 1,000 Rs. per mensem the usual allowance made to persons holding that situation.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agent's Office, W. Loch,
the 1 December 1824. *A. G. G.*

[955]

Captn. Sneyd,
Commissariat Department, Dacca.

Sir,—I beg to acquaint you that B. Gel. Shuldham or the Officer Comg. at Dacca will make over to you a draft for the sum of Sa. Rs. 4,048-12 which is to be appropriated in the purchase of provision for the twenty Elephants furnished by the Nuwab Nazim to Govt. for the public service—A copy of my letter under date the 27th Instt. to that officer accompanies for your information.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agts. Office, W. Loch,
(torn) Decr. 1824. *A. G. G.*

[956]

M. Ricketts Esqr.,
Resident at Lucknow.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a letter from Nuwab Diljaun to your address.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agent's Office, F. Magniac,
the 14 Decr. 1824. *In charge of the Agent's Office.*

[957]

Coll. Browne,
Commanding H. M. 87 Regt., Berhampore.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose a Copy of the Ishtehar proclaiming His Highness the Nazim to which I shall feel obliged to you to give publicity in the cantonment of Berhampore.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad, F. Magniac,
the 24 Decr. 1824. *Ag. A. G. G.*

[*The same to* the Acting Resident at Cossimbazar.—Ed.]

[958]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to the Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch conveying to me instructions with regard to the inauguration of His Highness the Nuwab Shoojaw-ool-Moolk Ihtisham-ood-dowleh, Hoomayoon Jah, Syyed Moobaruk Ali Khan Behadoor, Feeroz Jung, together with the Proclamation in the English & Persian Languages, which accompanied & to communicate for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council that the installation of His Highness took place yesterday the 23d Instt. under the observance of the same forms as were adopted by Mr. Russell at the inauguration of His late Highness.

2d. His Highness took his seat on the Musnud at

10 O'Clock in the presence of all the native Gentlemen of the City & it's Environs & of a vast concourse of the native population almost all the European Ladies & Gentlemen of the Stations of Berhampore & Moorshedabad attended. His Highness after receiving Nuzzurs & presenting Khelaats to his uncles & the other members of the family & Dependents proceeded to the Musjid in the Chowke ; & on his return he visited the Muhals of Her Highness the Ameeroonessa Begum & the Bohoo Begum to whom His Highness presented Nuzzurs & presenting Khelaats till sun set when he crossed the River to Furrah Baugh, where preparations had been made for entertaining the European Ladies & Gentlemen who had attended at His Highness installation. The whole ceremonies concluded with brilliant illuminations & a display of fire works & about 9 O'Clock when the ladies & Gentlemen had taken leave I attended His Highness back to the Killah & saw him safe to his own apartments.

3d. It is a subject of no small gratification to me to be abl to assure His Lordship in Council that the utmost cordiality good understanding & a mutual observance of those necessary forms of courtesy & respect between His Highness & his uncles & other relations subsisted throughout the day I had previously been under some apprehension with regard to the line of conduct which the Nuwab Monglee might pursue on the occasion but my fears were most agreeably removed by his attending at the Killah at an early hour & assisting in arranging the young Nazim in his dress of state which he did by tying the dress & fastening the different ornaments with his own hands, & when called upon to put on the Khelaat presented to him by the Nazim, he immediately retired & returned having conformed strictly to the forms observed on such occasions, which he did not do at the inauguration of the two preceding Nazim. In short his conduct throughout was such as to draw from me expression of approbation, & I trust in bringing these circumstances under the notice of the Government I shall be considered as doing no more than justice to the correct & proper behaviour of the Nuwab Monglee during the installation. —I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 24th Decr. 1824.

F. Magniac,
Ag. A. G. G.

[959]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collr. of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose two Audited Bills for Sa. Rs. 534-10-8 with Duplicate receipts for the amount, which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 28th Dec. 1824.

F. Magniac,
Ag. A. G. G.

[960]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose my Duplicate receipts for Sa. Rs. 18,000 required for the purpose of purchasing materials for the Palace.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 28th Dec. 1824.

F. Magniac,
Ag. A. G. G.

[961]

(Torn) Esquire,
Resident, Patna.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose Copy of a letter from Mr. Secretary Stirling to the address of the late Agent for your information.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 29th Decr. 1824.

F. Magniac,
Ag. A. G. G.

[962]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secy. to the Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward a letter from His Highness the Nuwab Nazim to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General on the subject of His Highness's accession to the Musnud of the Soobahs of Bengal Behar & Orissa.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 3d Jany. 1825.

F. Magniac,
Ag. A. G. G.

[963]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secretary to Govt., Fort William.

Sir,—I beg to acquaint you for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council that I have this day received charge of the office of Agent to the Governor General at Moorshedabad from Mr. Magniac.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 14 Jany. 1825.

W. H. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[964]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to report to you for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council

that I have this day delivered over charge of the office of Agent to the Govr. General at Moorshedabad to Mr. Melville.

2d. In the 3d Paragraph of your letter of the 17th Ulto. I am directed to execute the functions of Agent until further orders, not having subsequently to the date of the abovementioned letter been favoured with any instructions, it is possible that I may be considered answerable for having delivered over charge of the office without sufficient authority. I trust therefore that my motive for doing so, a desire to prevent the necessity of a reference may be approved of by the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th January 1825.

F. Magniac,
Ag. A. G. G.

[965]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose two Audited Bills for Sa. Rs. 534-10-8 with Duplicate receipts for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 16 Jany. 1825.

F. Magniac,
Act. G. G.

[966]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit herewith a Persian letter to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Govr. General & an English envelope directed to you which have been given to me by Syud Jafur.

2d. He informs me that his father Aka Syud Ally was entrusted with the former dispatch by Hossein Ally a Prince of Persia—On arriving at Bombay his father hearing of the illness of a relation in Persia returned to that country & Jafur Ally after obtaining a letter from the Governor of Bombay to your address proceeded to Calcutta. He intended to have personally delivered his dispatches there but having understood that his relation Syud Muhsun (since deceased) was at the point of death at this place he hastened to see him, & was thus prevented from waiting upon you.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 22d Jany. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

967]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secretary to Govt., Fort William.

Sir,—I request the favor of your submitting to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council my request that His Lordship will be pleased to sanction my occupying for the present the house of His Highness the Nuwab Nazim at Chumpapokur on the terms on which a similar indulgence was granted to my predecessors.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshed.,
the 22d Jany. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[968]

The Collector of Purneah.

Sir,—I beg to enclose copy of the Proceeding held by the late Agent in the case of Oomdutoonissa Begum together with the papers therein referred to for your information.—I have etc.

Agent's Office,
Moorshedabad,
the 22nd Jany. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[969]

G. Swinton Esqr.,
Secretary to the Govt. in the Political Dept.,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit the Oath of Office prescribed by your letter of the 7 Instt. duly sworn to and attested.—I have etc.

Office of the A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 24 Jany. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[970]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to report that on the 15th Instt. Mr. Magniac did me the favor to introduce me to His Highness the Nuwab Nazim who was pleased to pay me the usual compliments on my appointment. We then waited upon the Doolin & Buhoo Begums where I was also received with every suitable mark of attention & civility.

2d. On the 21st Instant His Highness the Nazim did me the honor to return my visit.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 24 Jany. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[971]

A Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—In a letter from the late Agent under date the 30th of August last (with a Statement No. 2 annexed) Mr. Loch recommended that a sum of 15,000 Rs. should be granted to the Nuwab Meer Munglee from the deposit fund to provide for the marriage of his daughter to Wahid Hussein Khan.

2d. I had the honor of a visit from the Nuwab yesterday when he expressed his anxious wish that the ceremony might take place in the course of the ensuing month & adverting to the conduct which had recently obtained for him the distinct approbation of Government I deemed it a reasonable indulgence to pomise to endeavour to obtain the orders of His Lordship in Council upon the subject at an early period.

3d. I trust therefore that I may be excused for thus specially calling the attention of Govt. to this point.

4th. The Nuwab urged his hopes that a sum of not less than Rs. 20,000 might be granted him on the occasion & for the reasons mentioned by Mr. Loch & others originating subsequent to this recommendation it appears to me on the whole expedient that this solicitation should be complied with. It would mark that prudence & discretion were at least as good a recommendation to the liberality of Government as extravagance & want. It would conciliate this most respectable member of the family at the moment when his advice and assistance are likely to be of peculiar value. It would accompany with much propriety the high approbation he has recently received. Lastly the circumstances of this being the only daughter of the Nuwaub Munglee & of his being now presumptive Heir to the Musnud—combine to render it a case not likely to establish an inconvenient precedent.

5th. For these reasons & also with reference to the state of the deposit fund I beg leave to submit that the present is a fit occasion for the exercise of a prudent liberality.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 25 Jany. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[972]

Lieutt. Coll. Ball,
Commanding at Berhampore.

Sir,—I request the favour of your directing a party of Sepoys to attend at the house of Juggut Seit Gobind Chund in the City of Moorshedabad at 9 O'Clock on the morning of Thursday the 3d of February to assist at the ceremony of his marriage.

2d. I beg leave to add that I understand a party of 200 men has been usual on similar occasions.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 27th Jany. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[973]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit to you herewith 3 letters from their Highnesses the Nuwab Nazim & the Ameeroonissa Begum to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council in reply to those which accompanied your dispatches of the 24th & 31 December last.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 28th Jany. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[974]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—On receiving charge of this office I found some dissatisfaction prevailed regarding the appointment of Mooftee Mahommed Moiz to be Head preceptor to the Nuwab Nazim (as sanctioned by the 6th Paragh. of your letter of the 10th ulto.) on the ground that the Mooftee was of the Soonnee sect while the Nizamut family are all Sheahs.

2d. As this point seemed important & did not appear to have been particularly adverted to in the communications which had passed I sent for the Mooftee & finding he had not yet resigned his office in the Court of Circuit I requested him to postpone taking any steps for that purpose until he should hear further from me.

3d. I have now taken an opportunity of consulting those of the family of His Highness whose opinions are I think entitled to weight & the result is a persuation that there is no valid objection to the appointment of the Mooftee. His usefulness is not I think likely to be materially impaired either by the bigotry of individuals or the general tone of feeling regarding him.

4th. It appears indeed that on a former occasion the Nuwab Bubber Jung appointed Moolvy Kulundur Buksh a Soonnee to the Office of preceptor to his two sons Zynooddeen & Ahmud Allee.

5th. Concurring as I do in the recommendation of the late respected & lamented Agent I have thought it right at the same time to point out that the objection has been made. In consideration of the delicacy of the subject & the rancorous spirit of hostility so frequently prevalent regarding it, I trust that His Lordship in Council will be pleased to pardon the short delay which arises in seeking his sanction before carrying the former orders into execution.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 31st Jany. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[975]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit bank notes to the amount of 8,000 Rs. eight thousand Rupees as per annexed list & to request that you will furnish me with an order on the Collr. of Dacca in favor of the Nuwab Meer Mehdee for that amount.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Office of A. G. G.,
the 1 Feby. 1825.

W. L. Melville
A. G. G.

Enclosure

No. 13827	for	1,000	
,, 113	..	1,000	
,, 966	..	1,000	
,, 12810	..	1,000	
,, 12376	..	1,000	
,, 10010	.	1,000	
			6,000
,, 4048	.	100	
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,, 2975	.	100	
,, 2977		100	
,, 4405	..	100	
,, 4045		100	
,, 4031	..	100	
,, 4030	.	100	
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			8,000

[976]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—On examining the recent instructions I entertain some doubts regarding the intentions of Government as to who shall exercise the authority of Nazim during the minority of H. Highness.

2d. The subject does not seem hitherto to have come under discussion, but as it is obvious that the most serious abuses may be committed with impunity if a distinct responsibility does not rest somewhere I have deemed it a primary duty to request that the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council will be pleased to instruct me who shall have charge of the seal of His Highness & exercise the powers appertaining to that trust.

3d. The plan of appointing a native guardian having been considered & rejected it was at first my intention to recommend that the Dewan should exercise the powers in question the Agent to the Governor General possessing a sort of undefined concurring authority. I find however that such an additional elevation of Raee Gungadhur will be extremely displeasing to the family some of the most respectable of whom have expressed to me the strongest repugnance to such an arrangement & considering the recent rise of the Dewan their feelings or prejudices seem not unworthy of attention. I should also be inclined to fear that so great an exaltation might end by embarrassing ourselves & spoiling a useful officer. Other objections occur to me but perhaps these may be sufficient to evince the inexpediency of making the Dewan the principal person in the Nizamut.

4th. The great objection to appointing the Agent to this duty seems to me to be that it removes him from his proper sphere. If any person excepting the Agent errs in the management of Nizamut Affairs it is the especial duty of the Agent under the authority of Govert. to attempt to set him right. But if the Agent himself has the management & errs I fear the authority to which he is subordinate is too remote & too much occupied with more important business to correct him.

5th. Nevertheless as it is a matter of pressing necessity that this superior power should be rested somewhere & as there seem such serious objections to entrusting it elsewhere I will take the liberty of sketching an outline of what might be the Agent's duties if the selection should fall on him.

6th. He must I conceive see that there are respectable persons at the heads of the several departments & must exercise some control over them, he must alter as little as he can but must where necessary reform & systematise gradually & decidedly, he must be rather felt than seen, he must see that the state & dignity of the Nazim is fully maintained, he must gradually introduce His Highness to the management of business finally he must be very considerate in his treatment of the feelings & prejudices of the family.

7th. Regarding this latter point I may adduce an instance which is in itself of some importance.

8th. Should Government determine on entrusting the authority in question to the Agent it would I believe be his duty to leave the seal in the hands of His Highness's mother or thereafter in his own hands. The key of the box containing it would however remain with the Agent & the seal would only be affixed under his authority. Trifling as the distinction may appear I believe the form of the Agents not carrying the seal to his own house would be useful & gratifying to the family generally.

9th. Whatever may be the determination on the subject now submitted I take the liberty respectfully to suggest that it might perhaps be expedient to intimate the pleasure of Government on so momentous a point by a letter from His Lordship to His Highness.

10th. I could have wished on every account connected with personal feeling to have remained silent on most of the points above adverted to but delicate as they are especially to a stranger, I have not thought it consistent

with my duty to withhold the expression of my sentiments. I beg however that you will do me the favor to tender to His Lodrship in Council my respectful assurances that I will most cheerfully endeavour to carry successfully into effect any system of management which Government may be pleased to prescribe.—I have etc.

Office of A.G.G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 5th Feby. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
Agent G. G.

[977]

Henry Thos. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Under orders of Government bearing date the 4th Instt. I request the favor of your paying to the Bearer Bubber Ally the Meer Moonshee of the Nuwab Abool Kasim Khan Buhadoor otherwise the Nuwab Munglee the sum of twenty thousand Rupees for which sum I beg to enclose my receipts in duplicate.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 11th Feby. 1825

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

978

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose 3 Audited Bills for Sicca Rs. 2,147-9-1½ with Duplicate receipts for the amount, which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th Feby. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[979]

J. Ahmuty Esquire,
Senior Judge of the Court of Appeal, Dacca.

Sir,—Enclosed I have the honor to transmit a letter to the address of the Nuwaub Meer Mehdee.

As it contains a draft for a large sum I shall be obliged by your taking such precautions as may ensure it's reaching him.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
(torn).

W. L. Melville,
[*A. G. G.*]

[980]

[Lieutt. Coll. Ball],
Commanding, Berhampore.

Sir,—Should instructions to that effect have been received (conformably to the enclosed letter) I beg the favor of your directing the proper officer to deliver to the bearer, a servant of the Bhow Begum twenty muskets Bayonets & pouches.

2d. On learning the price of them I will immediately forward the amount.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 22d Feby. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[981]

Saml. Chill Esqr.,
Deputy Commissary of Ordnance, Berhampore.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 24 Instt. I send herewith Rs. 440 & request that you will be pleased to send the muskets &ca. agreeably to the order of the Military Board.—I am etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 25th Feby. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[982

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a letter from His Highness the Nuwab Nazim, to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in reply to the communication received from His Lordship on the occasion of the installation of H. Highness & also a letter in answer to one received from yourself on the same occasion.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 26th Feby. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[983]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—On receiving your letter of the 4th Ulto. I immediately intimated to the Nuwaub Nazim that the appointment of Mooftee Mohumud Moiz to be preceptor to His Highness had received the sanction of Government & expressed my hope that the selection was satisfactory to him.

2d. I was surprised & concerned however to find that His Highness strongly objected to the appointment & declared that his wishes had not been consulted on the occasion.

3d. I had learned however from Mr. Magniac that on the Mooftees being first named to him he had expressed himself well satisfied with the choice & I reminded H. Highness of this circumstance also stating that it was satisfactory to the family generally I could not however induce him to fix a day for receiving the Mooftee.

4th. After leaving him I deemed it right to express myself very decidedly regarding the influence which had evidently been employed over his mind by those about him. This had the desired effect & on the following day time for receiving the Mooftee was fixed by His Highness.

5th. In the interim I anxiously reconsidered the subject with reference to the apprehensions regarding the

difference of Creed expressed by His Lordship in Council & which thus appeared to be in some measure realised.

6th. I had however consulted every member of the family whose opinion appeared entitled to any weight including Her Highness the Doolin Begum the Nuwab Nujeeboonissa Begum the mother of His Highness, & the Nuwab Munglee, & they had concurred in declaring the difference of creed to be of no consequence & in every other respect they highly approved of the selection.

7th. I have farther deemed it a part of my duty to make myself acquainted from various sources with the character of the Mooftee & it is not enough to say that it is unblemished. I have never met with a native whose reputation stands so high for respectability & talent. He also appears to me eminently to possess the tact & manner which ought to give him an influence over his pupil. I need scarcely remark that he was not selected by me but I know not where I could have chosen so well.

8th. Notwithstanding all this if I had perceived that any strong repugnance existed on the part of His Highness to the Mooftee personally & which was not likely to extend to any other individual even of inferior pretensions I should have been inclined to hesitate but upon the whole I felt entirely persuaded that the objection of His Highness originated with some of the persons immediately about him who dreaded that the influence of a man of the Moofty's character would supersede their own.

9th. I deemed it right therefore to carry through the appointment & I entertained a sanguine hope that the Mooftee would gradually acquire a due ascendance over His Highness's mind studies & pursuits & render unnecessary any further active interference on my part.

10th. In this however I have hitherto been disappointed—After a short attendance daily the Mooftee is dismissed & His Highness retires I fear to companions & pursuits against which it was a just object of His Lordship in Council to guard him. Government have already learned from Mr. Loch that during his father's life he was treated with much rigour & was indeed often subjected to severe corporal punishment. The sudden change produced by his elevation to the Musnud has I fear induced an unfavorable effect on a character quite unformed. He seems however rather to be misled than ill disposed & of course my first task however unpleasant to His Highness & to myself must be in the exercise of the discretion entrusted to me by Government to remove from about him the persons who are depraving his mind & destroying his character.

11th. This I shall endeavour to perform with as much mildness as practicable. He is too old to be treated as a mere boy & though too young to be his own master it seems in every respect proper to attend to his wishes where it can be done without impropriety. In my future conduct I must be guided by circumstances which I cannot pretend to anticipate.

12th. In the meantime I have been desirous to submit to His Lordship in Council this exposition of my conduct & views to enable him to correct me should I appear to have been mistaken in the execution of the trust reposed in me.

13th. In the first conversation I had with His Highness on the subject of the Muftee I found that he constantly referred me for his objections to the arrangement to the Dewan elect Raee Gungadhur who was indeed the only person present. From the general tenor of what passed as well as from some other circumstances I felt a strong persuasion that the Dewan had joined in persuading His Highness to oppose the measure. For this & other reasons I have ventured to defer for a time confirming the Dewan in his situation & I trust that His Lordship in Council will be pleased to sanction some farther delay. The state of Raee Gungadhurs health which entirely precludes his steady application to the business of his high office affords an additional reason for postponing his investiture. -I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 5th March 1825.

W. L. Melville,
Agent G. G.

[984]

W. T. Smith Esqr.,
Sir R. Martin Bart.,
E. Maxwell } Esqrs.,
N. MacLeod }

Offg. Judges of the Court of Appeal and Circuit for the Division of Moorshedabad.

Gentlemen,—You are I believe already aware that Mooftee Mahomed Moiz has been appointed by the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council to the Office of Preceptor to His Highness the Nazim, and I beg to enclose his resignation of the Office held by him in your Court which he has requested me to forward to you.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 5th March 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[985]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose 3 Audited Bills for Sicca Rs. 3,868 with Duplicate receipts for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 10 March 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

The same on the 15th April for Rs. 3,868.

[986]

Revd. Dr. Bryce,
Clerk to the Committee of Stationery, Calcutta.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose an Indent for Stationery required for the current year and which I request you will have the goodness to forward to me.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 12 March 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

Enclosure

(Torn) year 1825

Articles	Balance remg. 31 Dec. 1822	Recd. in March 1823	Total	Expd. from 1 Jany. 1823 to 31 Decr. 1824	Balance Remg. 1 Jany. 1825	Required for 1825	Remarks
Large (Bound) Book	—	—	—	—	—	2	
Tape	—	16	16	16	—	16 Bundles	
Demy paper	—	15q.	15q.	15q.	—	1R.	
Letter Ditto	2R.	—	2R	2R.	—	1R.	
Folio Post	—	14q.	14q.	8q.	6q.	8q.	
General letter paper	2q.	—	2q.	2q.	—	4q.	
Foolscap	2R	3-16q.	5-16	1-16	4R.	—	
Slices	—	2	2	—	2	—	
Hone	1	—	1	—	1	—	
Straps	1	2	3	2	1	1	
Penknives	—	4	4	4	—	3	
Leaden Ink stands	—	2	2	1	1	1	
Glass Ditto	2	2	4	3	1	2	
Sealing Wax	18	60	78	78	—	80	
Large Scissors	—	1	1	—	1	—	
Small Ditto	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Compasses	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Wafers	2 box	2 box	4	3	1	2 Boxes	
Indian Rubber	—	—	—	—	—	1 Bottle	
Marble Paper	6S	11S	17S	17S.	—	10 Sheets	
Blotting Ditto	21S	27S.	2q.	1q. 4S	20S	—	
Black Ink Powder	3	12	15	15	—	20 Bundles	
Red Ditto	4	—	4	4	—	6 Do.	
Boards	1	11	12	12	—	12	
Pencils	9	—	9	9	—	12	
Quills	100	400	500	424	—	426	
Sand	1S.	—	1S.	½S.	—	—	
Sand box	2	—	2	—	2	—	
Pounce	½S	—	½S	½	—	½S.	
Leaden Weights	—	—	—	—	—	2	
Erazors	—	—	—	—	—	2	
Paper for envelope	—	—	—	—	—	1R.	

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 12 March 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[987]

J. Ahmuty Esquire,
Senior Judge of the Court of Appeal, Dacca.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit a letter from the Nuwab Meer Mehndee to your address.

The Nuwab having arrived the guard which accompanied him will be ordered to return to Dacca without delay.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14 March 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

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E. Molony Esquire,
Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs,
Fort William.

Sir,—From a letter addressed to the late Agent to the Governor General at Moorshedabad by the Persian Secy. to Governmt. under date the 27th February 1824 (a copy of which appears to have been forwarded to you) it would appear that your advice was to be solicited on the proper course to be adopted for bringing an action on the part of the Nuwab Nazim against Seith Dhokl Chund (torn) may have passed between (torn) records of this office & I shall then be obliged to you to favor me with your opinion on points referred to.

3d. A private individual has now I understand brought an action against Dhokul Chund for a very (torn) sum & it is therefore desirable to lose no time in preferring the claim of the claim.

4th. I have had it in contemplation to request the Court of Sudder Dewany Adawlut to determine as a general question whether the provisions of Regulation IV 1812 can be applied to the Nuwab Nazim or not & I will thank you to inform me if this course (torn) to you desirable.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 19th March 1825.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the G. G.

[989]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to recommend that a sum of 40 Rupees per mensem be allowed from the Deposit Fund for Expences at the tomb of the late Nuwab Nazim.

The amount allowed at the tomb of His late Highness's brother and predecessor on the Musnud is Rs. 57. No objection therefore occurs to me to the more moderate allowance now proposed.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 19th March 1825.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[990

A Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—In considering the measures which may with propriety be adopted for the benefit of the Nuwab Nazim, the early establishment of His Highness in marriage appears the most prominent.

2nd. He has attained the age at which marriage is frequent according to the custom of the Country, and it is the opinion of those most competent to advice in entire concurrence with my own sentiments that if a suitable consort for His Highness can be found it is expedient that they should be united without delay.

3rd. It appears that His Highness's late Father had it in contemplation to marry him to one of his nieces the younger daughters of His late Highness the Nuwaub Zynooddeen Ally Khan who reside with the Buhoo Begum. These young ladies are of the tender age of nine years and would not of course be suitable companions at present for His Highness.

4th. Probably the quarrel which existed between the late Nuwaub and Her Highness the Doolin Begum prevented him from turning his attention to her adopted daughter the eldest sister of the young Ladies mentioned above and who is about 14 years of age or near the age of the present Nuwab Nazim.

5th. From the 6th paragraph of Mr. Loch's letter to your address of the 19th of August last and Appendix No. 1 to his report of the 30th of August it appears that it was in contemplation to marry this young lady to the Nuwaub Mustapha Khan a descendant of the Nuwaub Meerun. The usual ceremonies of betrothment however have not passed and no engagement express or implied has been entered into, the Doolin Begum and the Nuwaub Mustapha Khan himself are now alike averse to the union and the match may therefore be considered as entirely broken off.

6th. As the rank, the age, and I am informed the disposition and acquirements of this young Lady render her a suitable and proper consort for His Highness, as His Highness himself, his mother and the Doolin Begum all wish the completion of the marriage as many considerations recommend it and no material objections appear to me to oppose it. I beg leave strongly to recommend that the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council as Guardian to His Highness grant his sanction to the union.

7th. It seems proper however to remark that in the conversations I have occasionally of necessity held on the subject the event has been uniformly treated as contingent and uncertain and that if objections which I have overlooked occur to His Lordship in Council there will be no difficulty in stating that the affair is at an end.

8. I fear the state of the ordinary resources is not such as to bear the necessary expense and that the three events of the funeral of the late Nazim of the installation of the present and of the marriage of the latter when added to the debts of His late Highness will prove a burden beyond what they can bear. In the opulent state of the deposit fund, and the prospect of a minority of four years, there seems however no reason to withhold any expenditure which may be required for the real benefit of the Nazim & the proper maintenance of his dignity.

9th. In continuation of my letter of the 5th Instant I have great satisfaction in reporting that the representation which I deemed it my duty to make to His Highness regarding his associates and the proper employment of his time have been taken in good part and appear to have entirely succeeded. The attendant to whom I principally objected has been removed from about His Highness's person and the tutor Moofty Moiz is rapidly acquiring the influence which I wished him to possess.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
the 24th March 1825.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. Gl.

[991]

W. H. Macnaghten Esqr.,
Register to the Sudder Dewanny Adawlut,
Fort William.

Sir,—I shall be obliged by your soliciting the opinion of the Court of Sudder Dewanny Adawlut on the following question. Can a suit be instituted in the manner prescribed by Regulation IV 1812 in favor of His Highness the Nuwab Nazim?

2nd. I should hope that the consideration with which His Highness is treated by the Regulations will induce the Court to excuse this attempt to ascertain the nature of his rights under the very peculiar circumstances in which he is placed.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 31st March 1825.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. Genl.

[992]

M. Ricketts Esqr.,
Resident at Lucknow.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a letter from the Nuwab Diljaun to your address.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 5th April 1825.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Governor Genl.

[993]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secretary to the Governmt., Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a letter from His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Govr. Genl. in reply to the communication received from His Lordship on the occasion of my appointment as Agent to the Governor General at Moorshedabad.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 8 Apl. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. to the G. G.

[994]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to the Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose two letters from Moofty Moiz one to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General and the other to yourself. They were accompanied by Nuzzurs which conformably to custom have been returned with an intimation that the presentation of them was deemed sufficient.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 9th Apl. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. to the G. G.

[995]

S. Swinton Esqr.,
(torn).

My (torn),—I understand Mr. Thompson is [a] Writer in your office & I trouble you with the enclosed letter to him in the confidence [that] you will employ your influence in inducing him to do what is just & honest.

From what I can pick up I think he has erred rather from mistaken advice than from knowing & intending to do what was so very wrong. I should hope therefore that you will have little difficulty in persuading him to arrange the affairs.

I know not exactly what to propose but suppose there must be some sacrifice on his part & on the Nuwaub's part. By thus reducing the price of the property to about its real value we may be able to make some arrangement on the subject under the sanction of the Custom Board—You are sufficiently acquainted with the localities to know that the house *ought* to be occupied by a (torn) writer & not by a Nuwaub.

I hope you retain your health in Malwa better than Wellesley seems to have done.—Your etc.

W. L. Melville.

Enclosure

The attention of the (torn) the Governor General at Moorshedabad has only recently been Called to a transaction which took place two or three years ago between the Nuwab Soulut Jung and a Mr. Thompson then a writer in the Custom House at Moorshedabad.

The Governor General's Agent understands that Mr. Thompson undertook to sell a house standing in the Custom house compound to the Nuwaub Soulut Jung and farther undertook to deliver a Pottah for the ground when the money should be paid. The whole price was accordingly paid when Mr. Thompson delivered the Pottah to the Collector of Customs instead of to the Nuwaub who still remains—Without any title to the property—Mr. Thompson must indeed have known that he could not give a good title to the Nuwaub

The Agent to the Governor General does not wish to apply to this transaction at present the terms by which every honest man must characterise it. He observes however that the impropriety of it is aggravated by the consideration that the Nuwaub is under the special protection of the British Government & that Mr. Thompson was, & is believed still to be, in the service of that Government.

Before taking any farther Steps the Agent is desirous to know whether Mr. Thompson is willing to settle the affair on such terms as may now appear just & proper. He therefore wishes Mr. Thompson to inform him accordingly. (torn)

Moorshedabad,
the (torn) April 1825.

[996]

(Torn),
Committee of Stationery, Calcutta.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 22d ultimo, and do myself the pleasure of returning the receipt signed for the articles which have this day come to hand.—I am etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 9th April 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. to the G. G.

[997]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to the Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Repeated applications have been made to me by the Parties interested to ascertain what might be the pleasure of Government regarding the distribution of the Nizamut Deposit Fund proposed in Mr. Loch's letter & Statements of the 30th August last. A general impression has prevailed that some measures advantageous to various individuals were proposed & perhaps the uncertainty has been prejudicial in giving rise to conjectures for outstripping the truth.

I trust therefore that I may be permitted to call the attention of Government to those papers & to express my hope that I may when convenient be favored with the instructions of His Lordship in Council on the subject. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 19th April 1825.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. General.

[998]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to the Government, Fort William.

Sir,—The establishment of Mufty Moiz about the person of His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim obviates the objections which principally induced me to recommend that the confirmation of Rae Gungadhur in the office of Dewan should be suspended.

I propose therefore should I not receive instructions to the contrary at an early period to propose to His Highness the Nazim that the former orders of Government in favor of Rae Gungadhur should be carried into effect.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 19th April 1825.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the G. Gl.

[999]

Lieutt. Coll. Ball,
Commanding at Berhampore.

Sir,—His Highness the Nawab Nazim proposing to visit Berhampore on Friday morning next about 8 O'Clock I request the favor of your directing the customary honors to be paid him on the occasion.—I am etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 20th Apl. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1000]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to the Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I observe that my predecessors have occasionally called the attention of Government to any deficiency of funds in the Collectors treasury to pay the Nizamut stipends & that His Lordship in Council sensible of the hardship sustained from delay by those who derive their sole support from the Nizamut has from time to time issued such orders as seemed likely to lessen the inconvenience.

At present the stipends are nearly two months in arrears & if I perceived any approaching prospect of their being discharged I beg leave to observe that I should not think of troubling Government upon the subject, I am informed however that any money the Collector at present expects is already appropriated to other services and that he does not know when any funds will be available for the Nizamut. The festival of the Eed with its numerous expenses & customary bounties to the poorer classes is at hand & I confess that I should very much regret our inability to provide for its observance in the usual manner. May I be permitted to observe that this deficiency of funds appears calculated to give strength to reports which however absurd and unfounded seem as well discouraged.

Perhaps therefore His Lordship in Council will be pleased to direct the proper officer to take into consideration the best means of providing funds for the discharge of the Nizamut stipends.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 25th April 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1001]

A Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Government is aware that difficulties have arisen in bringing forward in Court certain claims of the Nuwab Nazim. On the most doubtful part of the question after due communication with the Superintendent and Remembrance of legal affairs I deemed it my duty to solicit the opinion of the Court of Sudder Dewanny Adawlut and I have the honor to submit a copy of my reference together with the reply which I have received.

2nd. Even if the legal question regarding His Highness suing as a native Prince under Regulation IV, 1812 was decided in the affirmative still some of the other provisions of that enactment as noticed in former correspondence would be unsuited to his case and might produce embarrassment.

3rd. Again it does not appear to me proper that His Highness should sue and be sued as an ordinary individual. To subject him to summonses attachements and other processes of our courts would be a source of very great vexation to him would be unsuited to the place in society which has been assigned to him and is I think unnecessary. In illustration of this opinion I may remark that I know not how the present claim of His Highness could possibly be brought forward during his minority without committing the very great anomaly of the Government itself suing as Guardian without the medium of any public officer.

4th. Upon the whole therefore it seems to me the best course to pass a Regulation providing for the case and I have accordingly drafted one which I have honor to submit.

5th. I am not aware that any observations are required from me on the provisions which I have proposed. I have endeavoured to render them as simple as I could.

6th. I have added some modifications of the existing Rules recognizing the Adawlut ool Alia. That Court seems to have lost all consideration chiefly from the uncertainty of the Regulation establishing it. It is not considered to have any authority to execute it's own decrees and it is not indeed clear who are amenable to it. Under these imperfections it could not possibly retain its respectability.

7th. Considering it a tribunal calculated to be extremely useful in settling many little disputes in the Nizamut which are better kept out of the Regular courts, I have proposed such modifications as seem to me likely to render it efficient.

8th. If however this part of the draft be deemed objectionable or to require farther consideration I beg leave to recommend that the former part be passed without it. Other persons it appears are preferring claims against Seit Dhokul Chund and it is extremely desirable that the long threatened suit should proceed

without delay. On a review of what has heretofore passed on the subject I see no hope of bringing Dhokul Chund to terms without having recourse to the Courts of law.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 28th April 1825. *Agent to the Governor General.*

Enclosure

A Regulation to prescribe the manner in which His Highness the Nazim of Bengal shall sue or be sued in the Courts of Civil Judicature and to amend the provisions of Section X Regulation XVI—1793.

The existing Regulations do not sufficiently provide for the manner in which His Highness the Nazim of Bengal shall claim or defend his rights in the Courts of Civil Judicature. Experience too has shewn that the provisions of Section X Regulation XVI—1793 are not sufficiently clear. The following rules have accordingly been enacted to be in force from the period of their promulgation.

II. It shall be competent to the Agent to the Governor General at Moorshedabad or other officer however denominated having for the time being the management of the affairs of the Nizamut on the part of the Governor General in Council to institute suits in the Courts of Civil Judicature on the part of His Highness the Nazim of Bengal and to conduct them as Plaintiff or Appellant in such manner as may appear proper.

III. In like manner should any suit be instituted in any Court of Civil Judicature against His Highness the Nazim of Bengal the ordinary notice shall be issued upon the Agent to the Governor General or other officer aforesaid who shall conduct the defence on the part of His Highness.

IV. Provided always that security shall not be required from nor shall attachment in any case issue against His Highness or against the Agent to the Governor General or other officer aforesaid but should the Court require the payment of any costs dagames or other sums of money and after order duly made and served on the Agent any unreasonable delay should arise it shall be competent to the Court to apply for payment by letter stating the circumstances to the Secretary to Government in the Judicial Department anything to the contrary in any existing Regulation notwithstanding.

V. First—In explanation of the provisions of the Section 10 Regulation XVI 1793 it is hereby declared that if in any suit both parties be relations or servants of His Highness the Nazim of Bengal or of the other branches of his family (which point in case of doubt shall be determined by the Agent to the Governor General) and the amount of the cause of action does not exceed five thousand Sicca Rupees such suit shall be heard in the Court of His Highness the Nowub Nazim and not elsewhere.

Second—If the plaintiff is not and the defendant is a relation or servant of His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim and the amount claimed does not exceed Rs. 5,000 it shall be optional with the plaintiff to institute his suit in the Court of His Highness or in the ordinary courts.

Third—If the Plaintiff is and the Defendant is not a relation or servant of His Highness and the cause of action does not exceed Rs. 5,000 it shall be optional with the defendant before filling his answer to claim that the suit be left to the ordinary tribunals which claim shall on all occasions be allowed and the suit shall be at once dismissed from the Court of His Highness.

Fourth—The Governor General in Council in Concurrence with His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim will from time to time pass such rules for the trial of suits and the execution of decrees in the Court of His Highness as may appear just & proper and the decrees and orders passed in such Court shall be upheld and recognised by all Courts of Civil Judicature.

VI. All cases of abuse and assult not attended with severe badly injury arising among the servants or defendants of His Highness the Nawaub Nazim or the other branches of his family shall be heard in the Court of His Highness and not elsewhere and the punishment prescribed by the existing Regulations may be inflicted for such offences by such Court.

[1002]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—In consequence of the lamented death of Lieut. Buxton I beg leave to draw the attention of Government to the importance of making some arrangement at an early period for the construction of the buildings required in the Killa.

2nd. The chief of these is the palace which the Government have so long engaged to erect on a scale of suitable splendour for the accommodation of His Highness I have only seen one of the elevations proposed by Lieut. Buxton and on shewing it to the principal members of the family it seemed to be much approved. Before finally adopting it however I should wish to have an opportunity of consulting them regarding the ground plan which seems not yet to have arrived from Singapore where Mr. Buxton died but which was I understand skilfully arranged and adopted to native wants by him.

3rd. I may here be allowed to observe that the application of the science of architecture to domestic purposes seems to have been unknown to the natives, at least I have never seen or heard of a native dwelling house (excepting some clumsy imitations of our own in Calcutta) possessing the slightest pretensions to beauty. In setting before them then as occasion allows specimens of architectural skill which shall combine the utmost external symmetry and beauty with a full attention to their habits and prejudices in domestic life I hope we are doing that which alike redounds to the credit of our Government which promises to introduce a taste for such edifices well worthy of cultivation.

4th. I trust therefore that in concurrence with any Gentleman who may be appointed to the duty I may be able to submit a suitable plan for the final approbation of Government at an early period.

5th. The ruinous state besides of many of the apartments in the Deoree of Her Highness the Doolin Begum, and of the whole of those of the Bhow Begum, and of the mother of His Highness the Nazim demands the most prompt attention. Almost every time I wait upon them some new misfortune is stated and I have no doubt but that very great personal inconvenience is sustained by

the numerous tenants of these Mehals from this cause. Many immediate repairs are necessary for their temporary accommodations during the ensuing rains and many new buildings in this department will also be required.

6th. During the last rains the revertment of the Killa towards the river for a considerable space was carried away and if not quickly repaired threatens extensive evil.

7th. His late Highness left his buildings at the Moteejheel in a very incomplete state, but as the place is well adopted to purposes of display in the native taste, I should propose to complete it accordingly as a Garden house for occasional recreation.

8th. It is also proposed to erect a small Bungalow for the immediate accommodation of His Highness (who really requires it and is exceedingly anxious about it) instead of rebuilding the Aynu Mehal.

9th. After this enumeration I suppose it may be unnecessary to urge farther the importance of specially appointing some confidential Person to superintend works so extensive and important.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 29th April 1825. *Agent to the Govr. General.*

[1003]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose my receipts in duplicate for the sum of rupees Ten thousand and shall be obliged by your sending me the amount in bank notes. On the arrival of Cash to pay the Nizamut Stipends I shall have the honor to send you receipts for the whole amount & to request you to return the receipts now transmitted to be cancelled.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 13th May 1825. *Agent to the G. G.*

[1004]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose two Audited Bills for Sicca Rupees 3,828/- with Duplicate receipts for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 16th May 1825. *A. G. G.*

[1005]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to send receipts in duplicate for the Nizamut Stipends for March & April and request the favor of your returning the receipts for Rs. 20,000 forwarded with my letters of the 13th & 16th Instant.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 24th May 1825. *Agent to the Govr. Genl.*

[1006]

Lieutt. Coll. Parlby,
Supt. of Embankments, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit an extract (para. 4) of a letter from the Secy. to Government in the Persian Department (torn) regarding the (torn) in the Killa & some (torn) [have been] taken in consequence. Under present orders of Government however it seems proper to make distinct [estimate] & to place the repairs generally under your control. I shall be happy to afford you any assistance in my power in expediting the work.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 25th May 1825. *A. to the G. G.*

[1007]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th Ultimo conveying the sanction of Government to the confirmation of Raee Gungadhur as Dewan of the Nizamut.

2d. By this promotion the office of Naib Dewan becomes vacant, & on a full consideration of the subject it has appeared to me expedient to appoint to this situation a person not hitherto employed in the Nizamut.

3d. On enquiry there did not appear to be a single individual among the servants whose character & talents fitted him for the situation. The common interest felt besides in continuing abuses and frauds pointed out the expediency of selecting some person who should not have been trained to regard them as desirable. It seemed at present an object to have one individual in the Nizamut who should look up rather to the Agent than to the administrations of the lavish or fictitious expenditure noticed in your letter of the 5th ultimo.

4th. In full concurrence therefore with the opinions of some of the most respectable members of the family and particularly of the Nuwab Munglee I have nominated Parsinath Bose to officiate as Naib Dewan until further orders. From the knowledge I have had of his character for many years I am persuaded the measure will be highly advantageous to the Nizamut. I propose to employ him chiefly in the department of accounts & under a gradual but steady system of reform I confidently look forward to the most beneficial results.

5th. I have deemed it my duty to notice the circumstances for the information of Government tho' I believe

the arrangement, specially as an experimental one, is within the competence of the Agent.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 26 May 1825.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the G. G.

[1008]

J. Loch Esqr.,
Calcutta.

Sir,—I am informed that a sum of Rs. 500 remitted to you by the late Agent to the Govr. General at this station remains in your hands. Should this statement be correct I request the favor of your forwarding me the amount in question in bank notes.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 27th May 1825.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the G. G.

[1009]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose three letters from His Highness the Nazim of Bengal addressed to the

Right Hon'ble the Governor General,
The Hon'ble J. Fendall,
The Hon'ble J. H. Harington.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 31 May 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1010]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Among the marks of Joy and exultation exhibited by His Highness the Nuwab Nazim on the success of the British arms communicated in the letter of the Governor General of the 24th December last he has sent me a sum of one thousand five hundred Rupees for distribution among the widows and orphans of those gallent European soldiers who have fallen or have died during the continuance of the arduous service in question.

2d. The women and children of three of His Majesty's Regiments employed on the expedition to Rangoon are now here and it appears that the Government allowance to many of these bereaved persons having ceased they are left entirely destitute. I propose therefore in communication with the officer in charge of them to make arrangements for the distribution of the sum in question in such manner as may prove most beneficial to them.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 1 June 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1011]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Collector of [Govt. Customs,] Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I understand a Pottah is in your hands which was granted by Mr. Swinton Collector of Customs to Mr. Thompson Writer in the Office for a Piece of disputed ground at present occupied by the Nuwaub Soulut Jung. May I request the favor of your sending it to me for inspection. After having examined it, it shall be returned to you.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 1st June 1825.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the G. G.

[1012]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Collector of Govt. Customs, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to return the Pottah and application received with your letter of yesterdays date.

Without at present offering any opinion on its validity I beg leave to observe that it appears to me this document ought to be in the possession of the Nuwaub Soulut Jung. Mr. Thompson informs me & it is indeed clear from the endorsement of the Pottah & from a letter from you to Mr. Thompson that it was entrusted (torn) hope that under the (torn) you will not wish to (torn) would you however [consider] it your duty to retain it I propose (torn) make a reference on the subject to the Board of Customs.

The delivery of the Pottah seems to me an indispensable preliminary to negociating with the Nuwaub for the final relinquishment of the property. I entirely concur in the opinion which I understand you to entertain that the [house] in question ought to be occupied by an Officer of the Custom house & not by the Nuwaub & on his receiving the Pottah I will willingly use my influence in persuading him to give it up on such terms as may appear fair & reasonable.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 3d June 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. to the G. G.

[1013]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose Copy of my proceedings of the 2d Instant for your information.—I am etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 6th June 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1014]

W. T. Smith Esqr.,
Senior Judge of the Court of Appeal, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to enclose Copy of my Proceedings of the 7th Inst. for your information.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 9th June 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1015]

R. Saunders Esqr.,
Secy., Board of Customs, Fort William.

Sir,—I request the favor of your laying before the Board of Customs the enclosed correspondence with the Collector of Government Customs at this station, together with other papers thereto belonging.

2d. It appears that Mr. Swinton, when Collector of Customs here, gave a Pottah for a piece of land adjoining the Custom house compound with liberty to erect a Pucka house, to a Mr. Thompson a writer in his office: Mr. Thompson accordingly built a house, & sometime after, on resigning his appointment, sold it to the Nuwab Soulut Jung & received the price. The Nuwab was desirous Mr. Smelt should countersign the Pottah, which however he declined doing, & retained it in his own hands. The affair remained in this state for about two years when the son of the Nuwab complaining to me that the Custom house people disturbed him in the possession of the premises, I enquired into the affair & after communication with Mr. Thompson the annexed correspondence took place.

3d. I very much regret Mr. Smelts share in this affair.

4th. It is stated by Mr. Thompson (Mr. Smelt's letter to Mr. Thompson of the 13th August 1823 supports the assertion) that Mr. Smelt strongly advised him not to refund the (torn) to be lamented, that Mr. (torn) misconceived the transaction have used his influence with Mr. Thompson to (torn) this repayment, which he could not have been aware (torn) only an act of common honesty on the part of Mr. Thompson.

5th. Again the manner in which the Pottah got into Mr. Smelt's hands appears from the same letter to Mr. Thompson (dated the 13th August 1823) ; & it certainly does appear to me that, valid or invalid, under the circumstances he ought not to have retained it. If it be valid, surely it should not thus be withheld by Government from the right owner ; & if invalid, it seems scarcely worth while to deprive him of it. There is nothing in Mr. Smelt's letter to me of the 4th Instt. to alter this view of the subject. It seems evident, that Mr. Thompson, who bears a good character, & had just sold the Pottah to the Nuwab, could not have given it to Mr. Smelt with the view of being altogether withheld from the purchaser ; & I cannot view the Pottah, as Mr. Smelt appears to do, as a building lease revocable at the will of the granter. There seems in the transaction something of an appearance of an attempt to take an advantage of the Nuwaub, which Mr. Smelt certainly could not have intended, but to which I very much lament that he should have inadvertently lent himself.

6th. It is a primary part of my duty to arrange such matters as these (torn) of the Nizamut ; & should the Board (torn) affair at all in the light in which it appears to me, they will perhaps, direct Mr. Smelt to deliver the Pottah to the Nuwab without further delay.

7th. This appears to me a proper preliminary to the final settlement of the affair. I understand a writer in Mr. Smelt's Office wishes to rent the premises ; but, considering that the uncertainty of the Nuwab's title must perpetuate the existing disputes, I have not under present circumstances, encouraged this arrangement. As the Nuwab is willing to sell the house at a fair price, & the sum is not a large one, perhaps, the Board may sanction its being purchased by Government, & perpetually rented to the writer at the usual rate for interest & repairs. I should suppose it was desirable that the writer should reside on the spot (I understand there is no other house for him in the neighbourhood): & this conclusion of the affair would be satisfactory to all parties.

8th. In this case, it will not be necessary to enter on a discussion of the validity of the Pottah granted by Mr. Swinton. I observe by a memorandum in his writing that he considered himself authorized to grant Pottahs, & certainly the solemn act of the Chief local authority on the part of Government should not (torn).

9th. Mr. Thompson's letter & the endorsement on the copy of Mr. Smelt's letter in Mr. Swinton's (torn) writing, being original papers, I shall be obliged (torn) your returning them to this Office.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 9 June 1825.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the G. G.

[1016]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose a Copy of my proceedings of the 7th Inst. and to request you will be so good as to attend to the arrangements therein proposed for the payment of the debt contracted by Ushrufoonissa Begum.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 13th June 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1017]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Her Highness the Ameeroonissa Begum is desirous to receive without delay the sum of Rs. 40,000 to enable her to begin to provide the articles necessary for the marriage of her adopted daughter—to His Highness the Nazim. Allow me to request that conformably with the instructions contained in the 6th paragraph of your letter of the 27th Ultimo the usual orders upon the subject may be issued to the Collector.

2. It may be proper to add that on intimating the amount sanctioned Her Highness expressed herself very

strongly on its inadequacy. I intimated in reply that I had no instructions upon the subject. Hereafter however should it appear expedient I may perhaps address you regarding it.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th June 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1018

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—In conformity with the instructions contained in your letter of the 27th Ultimo I beg leave to recommend that I may be authorised to disburse the sum of Rupees 5,000 from the Deposit Fund as marriage expences for the daughter of Ruhemoonissa Begum No. 3 Statement No. 1 Appended to the Agents letter of the 30th August last.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 17th June 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. to the G. G.

[1019]

J. Brown Esqr.,
Barhampore.

Sir,—I have received your letter of this date.

I beg to apprise you that you ought not to give credit to any member of the family of His Highness the Nuwaub & that I do not consider myself called upon to interfere regarding [debts?] contracted without my sanction.

I have however called upon Mirza Ibrahim to pay you or shew cause for refusing, but as he has no fixed allowance I am uncertain what the result may be.

Your note of hand is returned herewith.—I am etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 17th [June] 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1020]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an extract from Paragraph 6 of a letter from the Secretary to Government in the Persian Departmt. under date the 27 Ultimo.

I have requested that the usual instructions may be issued to you for the disbursement of the money alluded to but as the Dhoolin Begum is desirous to commence preparations for the nuptials without delay I should be obliged if you could let me have Rs. 30,000 immediately for which sum I beg to enclose my receipts in duplicate. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 17 June 1825.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the G. G.

[1021]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—In consequence of some apprehensions arising from a recent daring Dekytee committed at Rajemehal the Nuwaub Mudarood-Dowlah is desirous to increase the pay of the Sepoys he employs from Rupees 3 each per mensem to Rupees 4 each and a corresponding increase to the Officers, in hopes of engaging the services of a more efficient class of men than those he at present employs.

2d. The expense in all Rupees fifty (Rupees 50/-) he wishes should be defrayed from the sum of 552 Rupees set apart for buildings in conformity with the 7th paragraph of Mr. Prinsep's letter of the 28th February 1823.

3d. The affairs of this family continue to prosper under the judicious management of Mureeum Begum assisted by Mooteelol Dewan and I have lately great pleasure in visiting a very excellent house in the English style which has recently been completed by the Nuwaub at Rajmehal—It is now intended to erect a new Muhul Sarai the present one being in a dilapidated state—As materials for this purpose are in readiness the proposed small deduction from the funds seems proper and reasonable and I beg accordingly to recommend that it be complied with.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 24th June 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. to the G. G.

[1022]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—On the 7th June 1819 such Copies of the Regulations as could be spared were forwarded to this Office but none of those subsequently promulgated have been transmitted. I shall therefore be obliged by your requesting the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council to authorize you to furnish me with all those subsequent to Regulation 5—1819 inclusive and also that hereafter they may be regularly sent to this office as they are published.

I should also be glad to have two copies of the Persian translations one for the use of this Office and one for the Court of the Nuwaub Nazim.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 24 June 1825.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. General.

[1023]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—The Nizamut stipends being again nearly two months in arrear and the Collector appearing from the accompanying letter to have no near prospect of discharging them I beg leave to call the attention of Government to the subject.

The delay is felt more sincerely now than formerly as the measures which have been taken to prevent the several members of the family from incurring debt appear to have succeeded to a considerable extent. The merchants finding that they have no security for the recovery of any money lent in the event of the death of the borrower are unwilling to embark their funds on so uncertain a speculation.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 27th June 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1024]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—It seems proper that I should occasionally report on the character & education of H. H. the Nuwaub Nazim.

2d. I regret to say that the flattering prospects held out when I last had the honor of addressing you upon the subject speedily vanished & that H. H. disinclination to study seems almost unconquerable. Every motive has been urged & every inducement held out by the Moofty backed by occasional remonstrances from myself but with little avail. He used to read a little but that little has gradually decreased. To writing his objection is less & the specimen which I enclose shews I think a very respectable progress in that art.

3d. It must be confessed that the mild measures which alone have been adopted have materially failed, but deeply as this is to be lamented it does not appear to me advisable to pursue any others. I doubt very much if any attempt at severity would be attended with success & it would certainly have an unfavorable influence on his disposition. It would too alienate him from those employed in carrying it into effect & destroy their influence over him. I would only propose to engage him in study by such incitements as from time to time present themselves as for instance by the influence of those with whom he associates by occasional indulgence on condition of application & others which I need not detail.

4th. His disposition seems naturally good & his understanding respectable. If any method could be devised of actively engaging his mind in useful pursuits, I should be sanguine in my hopes of his proving well fitted to adorn his station but I fear that indolence &ca. love of trifling companions & amusements will form a character too common among natives of rank.

5th. I beg in conclusion that you will assure Government that I am deeply sensible of the responsibility which belongs to me in the performance of this branch of my duties & that whatever may be my success it receives its full share of my attentions.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 28 June 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1025]

R. Saunders Esqr.,
Secretary to the Board of Customs,
Salt & Opium, Fort William.

Sir,—I have had the honor to receive your letters of the 14th & 24th Ultimo and request that you will make my acknowledgements to the Board for the promptitude with which they have met my application.

2nd. Since purchasing the house the Nuwaub has built a Pucka verandah to it and otherwise gone to some expense which I understand has considerably increased its value. The arrangement proposed by the Board for restoring it to Mr. Thompson on his repaying the prime cost will however be satisfactory to the Nuwaub and I trust may be equally so to Mr. Thompson.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 11th July 1825.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. Genl.

[1026]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Allow me to request your attention to the accompanying copy of my proceedings of this date regarding the titles which the Right Honorable the Governor General was pleased to confer on Rajah Hurrinath Raee Behadoor on the 26th of February last.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 12 July 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1027]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Mureeum Begum has reported the death of Meer Uhsan Ali (erroneously Meer Mosum Alli) conjoined with Meer Abdool Uzeem No. 10 of Rajmehal Relations in the statement enclosed in the Persian Secretary's letter dated 18th December 1822 and has recommended that Rs. 14-1a. the allowance of the deceased should be continued to Meer Hussun Alli his son.

2nd. The Begum has also reported the death of *Ameeroonissa Begum* No. 29 of the same statement and has recommended that her stipend of Rs. 25-5 should be divided Rs. 15-5as. being bestowed on Meer Ubool Aussun brother of the deceased and Rs. 10 on Alia Begum her husbands daughter.

3rd. Both recommendations appear proper and I beg leave to recommend that they be complied with.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 18th July 1825.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. Genl.

[1028]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit letters to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General & to your address written by Raee Gungadhur on the occasion of his late elevation to the office of Dewan of the Nizamut. He at the same time presented a Nuzzur which I returned with an intimation that the tender of it would be deemed sufficient.

2d. Some misunderstanding occurred regarding his titles. I enquired from him regarding the usage in this particular & he assured me that they had uniformly been given by the Nazim on similar occasions. My general impression was the same & that as a servant of the Nizamut Governt. would not probably object to his elevation. I informed him accordingly but as this merely passed in a general way in private conversation I was surprised some days after to learn that a new title had been called when he received his Khellut from the Nuwaub Nazim.

3d. I declined therefore to recognize them & subsequently happened to meet with the discussion which had arisen on the occasion of the elevation of Rajah Oodwunt Sing & I expressed to Raee Gungadhur my extreme surprise & displeasure that he who was then a servant of the Nizamut & must have been well acquainted with the whole affair should have concealed the circumstances from me when I made my enquiries. He said he understood the objection on the part of Govt. on the occasion in question to have been to the very high titles claimed by the Rajah but I confess the explanation appears to me quite unsatisfactory.

4th. I immediately stated the circumstance to the Nuwaub Nazim & I trouble Govert. with the repetition of them partly with the view of explaining the great propriety of H. H.'s conduct. He immediately acquiesced in the expediency of rescinding the titles & ascertaining the pleasure of Government.

5th. I am not prepared to recommend that the titles should be conferred even should Governt. (which seems improbable) be disposed to grant them on general principles my reasons are partly that I conceive Raee Gungadhur to have behaved ill in the particular above notice and principally because some particulars in the Nizamut accounts now under investigation seem urgently to require a final decision before any additional & permanent honors are conferred upon him. I have not yet taken his answer however regarding them & am not of course prepared to offer any final opinion on the subject. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 21 July 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1029]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to report the death of Momina Begum a daughter of the Nuwab Shehamut Jung son-in-law of the Nuwaub Nazim Mubarukoodowlah who received a stipend of Rs. 43 from the Nizamut Vizt.

By Deputy Persn. Secy.'s letter dated 9th Novr. 1809	. . . . .	Rs.	14-0-0
Ditto	Do. 28th June 1811 .		17-8-0
,,	,, 14th Novr. 1817 .		11-8-0
			43- 0- 0

I beg leave to propose that 21 Rs. of this sum be given to Meer Bubber Ally & Hajee Begum brother & sister of the deceased Rs. 14 to Hafiz Golam Mooktedeo who as her second husband has some claim tho' not the same as the first & Rs. 8 to Shurfun a concubine of the first husband who received a similar allowance from the deceased.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 21 July 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1030]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to report the death of Syud Zynool Aubdeen who under orders of Govt. of the 14 November 1817 and 27th August 1824 received a stipend of Rs. 50 from the Nizamut.

2d. As most of this family received so lately as the date of the last mentioned letter a very considerable increase to their allowances I would propose that the sum of Rs. 15 obtained by the deceased on the death of Syud Mohumed Hossein be resumed that Rs. 20 be allowed to accumulate for marriage portions for the daughters of Meer Punnah Ally now the principal member of the family to be disposed of at the pleasure of Govt. on the accomplishment of that object and that Rs. 15 be granted as an increase to Tajoonissa Begum half sister of the deceased who tho' not so nearly related to the deceased as others has a large family of Grandchildren did not benefit on the last increase & has a much smaller allowance than any other legitimate member of the family who has offspring.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 21 July 1825.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the G. G.

[1031]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Understanding you have a sum of Rs. 80,000 in your Treasury available for the payment of the Nizamut Stipends I request that you will be pleased to retain it until it can be sent for—I hope the proper officers will attend at your office early on Monday for the purpose of receiving it.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 30th July 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1032]

Captain (torn),
Executive Officer, Barhampore.

Sir,—In compliance with the request contained in your letter of yesterday's date I have directed a Kiln of bricks belonging to the Nizamut to be made over to any person you may authorise to take charge of them.

At the proper season I beg you will be pleased to prepare a similar Kiln for the Nizamut.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.
Moorshedabad,
the 30th July 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1033]

Capt. MacLeod,
Supt. of Buildings, Calcutta.

Sir,—Previous to your leaving Calcutta I should feel much obliged if you could put in progress ground plans of the property of His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim situated in the town of Calcutta. I could wish the description & state of any buildings situated on the land and any other particulars (torn).

2. (Torn) a letter to His Highness (torn) Girdharee Lol directing [him] to point out the property & to afford (torn) assistance to any person you may (torn) for the performance of the duty.

3d. Any expense which may be necessary shall be transmitted from hence on your stating the Amount.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 1st Augt. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1034]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I send receipts for Rupees 80,000 and request you will be pleased to send me the amount in Cash. When you are able to pay the balance of the Stipend—I will thank you to give me intimation and the regular receipts will be forwarded.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 1st August 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1035]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Finding that the Nuwaub Roshun ood Doulah associated a good deal with the Nuwaub Nazim & considering him an improper companion for His Highness I intimated generally a wish that the intercourse should be less frequent. This having failed & being desirous to proceed in as mild a manner as I could in so delicate a point I requested the Nuwaub Munglee to speak quietly to his brother & acquaint him with my wishes upon the subject. This was accordingly done & also failed. I then addressed a letter to the Nuwaub Roshun ood Dowlah directing him not to wait upon His Highness except at his Durbur but I regret to say that this is alike unattended to.

2d. It therefore becomes my duty to solicit the sanction of Government for the removal of the Nuwaub Roshun ood Dowlah from Moorshedabad if he continues pertinaciously to resist compliance with the instructions I have issued to him.

3d. There is not I believe a single member of the family from whom His H. is likely to learn so little that is good & so much that is bad not one so utterly trifling dissolute & disreputable as the Nuwaub Roshunood Dowlah. The letters from the Persian Secretary of the 9th August 1811, 4th July 1815, 13th July 1816 (however qualified by the last paragraph of Mr. Monckton's letter Lucknow to the Political Secretary dated 31 March 1820) seem to render it unnecessary however to enlarge upon this topic & will I hope sufficiently justify my anxiety to prevent the subsisting intercourse & intimacy with His Highness.

4th. His Highness continues altogether inattentive to his studies & trifling & unsteady in his pursuits I fear it may be necessary to take some further measures regarding him which will not be agreeable to him but it seems desirable in the first place to try the effect of the one I have now recommended.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 3d August 1825.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Governor General.

[1036]

W. A. Brooke Esqr.,
Agent Govr. General, Benares.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a Copy of a Roobukaree of this date and shall be obliged by your compliance with the application it contains.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 10th Augt. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1037]

W. B. Bayley Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I should feel obliged by your transmitting to me under the orders of Government (torn) printed statement of corresponding dates for the present & as many preceding years as can be furnished.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 12th Augt. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. Genl.

[1038]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Collector of Govt. Customs, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I request the favor of your directing in conformity with established custom that 800 Mos. of country oil be passed free of duty by Doorgah Churn Moodee for the use of the Nizamut during the approaching festivals of the Mohurrum & Behra.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 13 Augt. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1039

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir, I send receipts in the usual form for the Nizamut Stipend for the Month of May last, and shall be obliged by your paying the balance & returning the receipts formerly granted.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 15th Aug. 1825.

[1040]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I send receipts in the usual form for the Nizamut Stipends for the Months of June & July last, and shall be obliged by your paying the amount to the bearer.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 18th August 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

1041]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th May 1824 regarding the affairs of Sultan Ibrahim Mirza.

2nd. I observe that Mr. Loch in his general report on the Deposit fund dated 30th August 1824 appendix No. 6 proposed that a sum of Rs. 30,000 should be set apart for the payment of the Mirzas debts and promised a further communication upon the subject. This I now propose to supply.

3rd. The total amount of the Mirza's debts appears from his statement and from other enquiries to be, including interest, Rs. 54,300, and excluding interest 45,500 Rs. These however I hope to be able with assistance from his stipend to compromise amicably for the sum mentioned by Mr. Loch vizt. Rs. 30,000 should Government be pleased to sanction & early advance to that amount.

4th. To repay this amount I beg to propose in conformity with Mr. Lochs suggestion that Rs. 150 should be nominally added to his allowances and that a further sum of Rs. 100 be deducted from his present stipend. I propose this course not as the best and simplest but as more conformable to the usages of the Nizamut than any other and because there seems no material reason to depart from it. I feel pursuaded that the Government cannot confer on the Mirza so great an obligation as by relieving him from the extreme misery he has endured and is enduring from the importunities of his creditors. I must in justice to him add that almost the whole of the debt was contracted during the five years he passed in this country without receiving any stipend or allowance of any kind.

5th. I have been extremely anxious that he should return to Persia in conformity with the wishes expressed by Government & this desire has been increased by the vexatious disputes in which he has been engaged with his wife the Noor Jehan Begum. On mentioning the subject to him however he so strongly objected to it on account of his family here, that it would have been equally useless & cruel to press it. I am accordingly endeavouring I hope with some prospect of success to accommodate these differences and to prevent their being again brought publicly forward.

6th. They seem to have originated partly in some warmth of temper on his part and partly in the intrigues of the Wukeel of Government in the Court of Appeal and some other persons who have contrived to obtain considerable influence over the weak mind & violent passions of the Begum & who actually succeeded some months ago in obtaining for her without the knowledge of the Agent a decree against her husband in the Court of Appeal for dower to the amount of Rs. 40,000. The Regulations however appear to me to provide sufficiently for due communication being made to the Agent on such occasions and I shall endeavour to have them more strictly attended to in future.

7th. Besides the Mirza's debts some claims of his noticed in the second paragraph of your letter are in the course of investigation, and I hope ere long that they may be adjusted in a satisfactory manner. I am not aware however that it will be necessary to trouble Government regarding them.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 18th Augt. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. Genl.

[1042]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—With reference to the 6th paragraph of your letter of the 27th May and to your letter of the 24th June last I beg leave to recommend that the balance Rs. 40,000 sanctioned by Government for the marriage expences of the adopted daughter of the Ameerroonissa Begum be advanced to Her Highness.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 18th Augt. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. Genl.

[1043]

Lieut. Coll. Ball,
Commanding at Berhampore.

My Dear Sir,—I understand that it is usual to send any Companys elephants which may be here to attend the procession of the Tazeeah at the palace & His Highness is the more entitled to this indulgence this year because he has [lent] twenty of his elephants to the Company during the War & they are now on service—I shall be obliged therefore if you can send any (twenty if practicable) to the Palace on the morning of Thursday the 25th Instant to remain there during that & the following day.—Your etc.

the 19th Augt. W. L. Melville.

[1044

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 25th July 1823 & 2nd January 1824 I beg leave to observe that I am unable to trace, in the records of this Office any communication from you regarding the amount of salary fixed by Government for the Superintendent of Buildings. I observe that Mr. Loch in the appendix No. 6 to his report of the 30th August 1824 quotes it at Rs. 600 per mensem but under the general orders regarding that despatch I beg to be favored with particular instructions on the point.

2nd. I do not find that Lieut. Buxton ever drew any salary subsequent to his appointment & am now desirous to pay up his arrears in full to the A[d]ministrator of his estate.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 19th August 1825. *Agent to the Govr. Genl.*

[1045

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th May last, repeating the call for a report from this office on the subject of the Nowarah Mehals.

2nd. The chief object of this reference is that stated in the Resolutions of Government of the 2nd June 1820 vizt. "to obtain the consent of His Highness the Nuwaub to the transfer to Government of his right & interest in the Mehals in question in the manner stated in the orders of the 25th September 1813."

3rd. On a full consideration of existing circumstances I beg leave to recommend to Government that no permanent alienation of the nature proposed be at present carried into effect.

4th. It is true that the measure might be effected during the present minority of His Highness with comparative ease and that we should be free from the captions and unfounded objections which so frequently seem to have been made by the existing Nazims to proposals obviously beneficial to the Nizamut. At the same time it appears to me to be objectionable in precedent and unsuitable to the dignity to the justice of the Government that it should while Guardian of His Highness appropriate in perpetuity any part of his property on terms however fair without the pressure of a much stronger necessity than exists in this case.

5th. The Governor General in Council may however I think with the utmost propriety immediately sanction the adoption of the alternative suggested in the 3rd paragraph of the letter from the Chief Secretary to Government to the Board of Revenue dated the 25th September 1813 and in which the late Nuwaub Walajah acquiesced vizt. a limited assignment of the right and interest of His Highness in the Mehals for a term of years on condition of receiving during such term an equivalent.

6th. On an examination of the accounts furnished to the Nizamut regarding the Mehals in the Hands of His Highness Officers. I perceive that the most gross abuses have prevailed. Bhyrubnath the Ameen entrusted with the management of them (brother to the Dewan and who also holds an appointment in the Custom House here) admits that he has only once visited them during the four years he has held the situation and then in consequence of some dispute he returned without completing any arrangement regarding them. He consequently wholly unacquainted with their real state and says that the accounts furnished are made up by the officers on the spot without being subjected to any check. It may be remarked that neglect seems usually pleaded to conceal frauds.

7th. Adverting to these circumstances and to the difficulty of managing landed property at so great a distance from Moorshedabad I beg leave to recommend in concurrence with the 11th paragraph of the letter from the Board of Revenue to Government dated 31st August 1813 that immediate measures be adopted for the adjustment of the equivalent to be paid to His Highness and for the future management of the whole of the Nowareh Mehals under the orders of that Board, with reference to the age of His Highness and to the other circumstances of the case it appears to me that a period of five years may with propriety be fixed as the term of the arrangement. At the end of that period a negotiation for their final relinquishment may be entered upon.

8th. A considerable number of individuals hold small portions of land on condition of rendering personal service as workmen in the Nizamut. On a consideration of the abuses which have been and are practised and to the additional difficulty in correcting them. When the management of the Mehals is made over to other authorities it appears to me desirable that these tenures should generally be commuted into a money payment. Any case entitled to particular indulgence will no doubt be tenderly treated by the Collectors. The details on this and other points will however be more properly considered hereafter.

9th. I request that I may be favored with the orders which may be passed by Government on this subject in order that instructions may be issued to the proper officers of His Highness should the above suggestions be approved of, or otherwise that steps may be taken for

the improvement of this branch of the resources of the Nizamut.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 29th August 1825. *Agent to the Govr. Genl.*

[1046]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In conformity with the 2d paragraph of Mr. Stirling's letter to your address under date the 19th November 1824. I beg to enclose my receipt in duplicate for the sum of Rupees eleven thousand four hundred & seventy one three annas on account of the Palace and request the favor of your sending me an order in favor of J. W. Hogg Esqr. Register of the Supreme Court for the amount.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 7th Sept. 1825. *A. to the G. G.*

[1047]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—A mistake having occurred in this Office regarding the amount of your draft on the sub treasurer in favor of Mr. Hogg dated the 9th instant I beg to return it and request you will be so good as to cancel it and substitute one for Rs. Eleven thousand and sixty four, nine annas & nine pie.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 17th Sept. 1825. *Agent to the Govr. Genl.*

[1048]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose an Audited Bill amounting to Rs. 3,694-10-8 with receipts in duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 17th Sept. 1825. *Agent to the Govr. Genl.*

[1049]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I shall be obliged to you to send the amount of the enclosed bills in Bank notes.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 19th Sept. 1825. *Agent to the Govr. Genl.*

[1050]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to transmit my receipts in duplicate for the sum of Rs. 25,000 on accot. of Sultan Ibrahim Mirza and shall be obliged by your sending me bank notes to that amount.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 20th Septr. 1825. *Agent to the Govr. Genl.*

[1051]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a Copy of my proceedings of the 12th Instt. together with the sum of Sa. Rs. forty eight & ten annas therein referred to.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 30th Sept. 1825. *Agent to the Govr. Genl.*

1052

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—It is with extreme concern that I have to report the continued & increasing irregularities of His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim and the extinction of the hopes which were fondly entertained regarding him.

2d. On communicating to him the sentiments of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council conveyed in your letter of the 12th Ultimo some little temporary attention to his studies was perceptible, but no permanent amendment was produced, while the effects of idleness and indulgence are daily more and more apparent in the commission of foolish and discreditable outrages.

3d. As instances of these I may mention that he has just shot in mere wantonness two English bullocks which his Father had purchased at a very large expense and he also has amused himself when retired within his apartments with cutting off the heads of a number of tame herons which were kept in the grounds. I forbear from adding other particulars of the same kind.

4th. In his demeanour towards some of the more respectable of the Nizamut servants and others he has lost sight of all decency and propriety & he loudly abuses them and their relations in language unfit to be alluded to. During these fits of irritation I am sorry to add that his own mother is not spared.

5th. He does not seem to have attached or to wish to attach to him a single individual. The principal persons about him consider that he has inherited the mind nearly bordering on insanity which distinguished his Father and uncle. Indeed his conduct is altogether so unsteady and unsettled that the commission of some serious outrage would not occasion much surprise.

6th. Under these circumstances Government as guardian to His Highness seems called upon to adopt some decided line of conduct in conformity with the intention expressed in your letter of the 12th ultimo, I am compelled to express my opinion that no hopes can be entertained from farther pursuing mild and moderate measures and no method of adequately controlling him occurs to me excepting that of placing him under personal restraint. I have occasionally removed from about him those persons who appeared objectionable and all intimate intercourse with the Nuwaub Roshunood Dowlah has ceased. The entire failure of these measures appears to suggest the expediency of trying new and stronger ones. While he was only idle any severity might have had an unfavorable effect on him and might have been considered as harsh and unnecessary. Unfortunately he has himself furnished the best excuse for adopting new restraints. I would propose if no change for the better appeared in his temper and disposition to place him for a short time under regular Sepoys commanded by a European officer, in the upper apartments of the house he ordinarily occupies. I fear any attempt to restrain him by means of his own servants would be futile.

7th. His misconduct is so obvious and notorious that Government would I think only be considered as performing a positive duty as guardian in thus confining him.

8th. I am sensible however of the objections which exist to the adoption of such a measure but among the choice of evils I know not what better to propose. To the wisdom of Government I anxiously look for instructions in a case of so much difficulty and delicacy.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 30th Septr. 1825. *Agent to the G. General.*

[1053]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—With a view to the adjustment of the late Lieutt. Buxton's accounts with the Nizamut I should be obliged by your furnishing me with a statement of all sums drawn by that Gentleman or by Mr. Loch on account of the Palace.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 3d October 1825. *A. to the G. G.*

[1054

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—The orders contained in the 16th paragraph of Mr. Swinton's letter of the 16th October 1820 seems almost to supercede the necessity of again applying for the sanction of Government to the disbursement of the sum of Rupees 9,600 therein referred to. With reference however to the remarks in No. 5 statement No. 1 appendix to Mr. Loch's letter dated 30th August 1824 and to the general orders regarding the deposit fund I request permission now to pay the amount to Moobarukoolnissa Begum as the illegitimate daughters of Yasoobooodeen Ally Khan are about to be married.

2d. I may remark that the sum in question tho' payable from the deposit (reserved) fund does not appear to be included in Mr. Loch's calculations for it's disbursement.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 13th October 1825 *Agent to the Governor General.*

[1055]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose an Audited Bill amounting to Rupees 3,694-10-8 with receipts in duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 24th October 1825. *Agent to the G. G.*

[Identical letters dated 16th Nov., 19th Dec., and 18th Jan. 1826, not printed.—Ed.]

[1056]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have much pleasure in reporting for the information of Government that the conduct of His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim during the last fortnight has generally been much more satisfactory than for sometime past and that in this interval he has paid considerable attention to his studies.

2d. It is of course my anxious desire to encourage this disposition by every suitable commendation and indulgence and altho' I fear much steadiness of character cannot be expected from him yet something is attained if we prolong the periods of good conduct.

3d. I avail myself of the opportunity to mention that I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 21st Instant and shall be prepared to conform to the instructions it conveys should unfortunately any necessity arise for applying them.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 28th Octr. 1825. *Agent to the Governor General.*

[1057]

R. Saunders Esqr.,
Secy. to the Bd. of Customs, Fort William.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 23d July last regarding the house sold by Mr. Thompson to the Nuwaub Soulut Jung, I shall be much obliged to you to inform me under the sanction of the Board whether any answer has been received to the letter of the above date addressed by you to Mr. Swinton.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 2d Novr. 1825. *A. G. G.*

[1058]

W. T. Smith Esqr.,
Senior Judge of the Court of Appeal, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a copy of my proceedings of the 8th Instant for your information.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
(torn) 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

1059

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to the Government, Fort William.

Sir,—The provisions of Regulation VIII 1824 regarding the levy of a toll on the Bhagaruttee and other rivers having now been enforced I am induced to request that you will do me the favor to ascertain the pleasure of Government regarding the exemption of certain members of the Nizamut from the operation of this law.

2d. Government having been pleased to exonerate their Highnesses the Nuwaub Nazim and the Begum at the Head of the Dhewrees from the payment of Government customs and town duties on articles required for the consumption of their respective families, it appears to me that His Lordship in Council may perhaps be pleased to extend the indulgence to this new duty. It does not appear necessary to include the other members of the Family in the exemption.

3d. If this suggestion be approved of I would beg to propose that all boats actually the property of their Highness should be allowed to pass and repass on the rivers in question without interference from the Collectors officers and that all boats containing property bonafide for the use of themselves and their families and generally all timbers &ca. for them should also be allowed to pass free of duty. A pass from the Nazim or the Begum may be furnished to prevent abuse, & if necessary the countersignature of the Agent to the Governor General may also be affixed.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 7th Novr. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Gr. General.

[1060]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—On the 28th ulto. I did myself the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st ulto. & had the pleasure at the same time to acquaint you that there was some amendment in the behaviour of His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim. Although his conduct since that report has not been marked with the violence & outrage he previously exhibited yet his demeanour particularly inattention to his studies is not such as could be wished.

2d. The illness & subsequent death of the son of Moofty Moiz has occasioned some little delay in ascertaining his sentiments on the important points on which I am directed to call for his opinion I have now however the honor to submit a copy & abstract translation of the memorandum he has prepared.

3d. Conceiving such to be the wish of Government I have encouraged the Moofty to state his opinions with the utmost freedom and besides his memorandum he is desirous I should explain his conviction that without some power of marking on the fears of His Highness, without causing him distinctly to understand (contrary to an erroneous opinion in which he has embeded) that his future prospect will in some degree be influenced by his personal conduct & character little hope can be entertained from the other measures proposed. The Moofty conceives this is necessary to supply the place of the prompt punishments which other youngmen of his age would incur but which are unsuitable to the station of H. Highness.

4th. With this view he observed that perhaps the Right Hon'ble the Governor General might be pleased to take into consideration the expediency of intimating in a letter to His Highness his displeasure at his idleness & misconduct & at the same time of informing him that if no amendment was perceptible & His Highness remained alike regardless of the duties of his station & the character of his House His Lordship in Council would be compelled to consider of the propriety of continuing to exclude His Highness from many of the functions exercised by former Nazims even after he should attain to his majority. It seems the opinion of the Moofty that an intimation of this kind will have a very powerful effect on the mind of His Highness.

5th. With reference to the alternative proposed in the 7th paragraph of your dispatch the Moofty appeared to consider the eventual removal of His Highness to a distance from the Killah and perhaps ultimately from Moorshedabad altogether as measures likely to be extremely useful.

6th. On the propositions in the Mooftys memorandum I have not much to remark. They contain little that is new as I have explained in a few marginal notes in the translation but it is to be hoped that the rules they prescribe should they receive the sanction of the Government will be received with the regard & attention which such authority ought to command. If I perceived any disposition in the Moofty to abuse his authority I should hesitate to recommend that he should be entrusted with some of the powers he wishes for, but in fact I have more to object to him on the score of forbearance & lenity than of severity.

7th. In regard to the proposition for intimating an intention of eventually prolonging some of the restrictions on the authority of H. Highness even after he shall attain his majority I beg leave to observe that the Resolutions of Government of the 1 February 1796 transmitted to the Paymaster of Stipends in the Governor General's letter of the same date appears to afford an exact precedent for the actual exercise of such controul. The reluctance of Governt. to have recourse to these measures has been sufficiently manifest in later times, but I humbly conceive that if the necessity for them be distinctly proved to exist His Lordship in Council would not hesitate again to adopt them. Under this impression I need hardly remark that the Moofty's suggestion appears to me entitled to the favorable consideration of His Lordship in Council.

8th. I beg leave here to add that notwithstanding my desire to introduce His Highness to the conduct of public business I have hitherto been compelled to have little or no intercourse with him on the subject. I repeatedly stated to him both personally and in writing my wishes to consult with him on the reforms I have considered it necessary to introduce into the Nizamut (& regarding which I shall shortly have the honor to furnish a separate report) but I intimated at the same time that this must depend on the manner in which he regulated his personal conduct. The unfortunate turn which his character has taken has deprived me of all hope of benefiting him or myself at present by such consultation.

9th. With reference to the removal of His Highness from Moorshedabad I suggested to the Mufty that His Highness might in the first instance be removed to his Killa of Chumpa Pokur (which the Agents have latterly occupied under the sanction of Government) & as it stands detached at a distance of about 5 miles from the Killah it appeared to me that he might be more easily controulled & his conduct more easily superintended there than in the heart of a populous city. In this the Moofty entirely concurred and I accordingly beg respectfully to recommend that I may be empowered eventually to remove His Highness to that place The Moofty appeared to be of opinion that His Highness would be extremely averse to the change.

10th. With reference to the suggestion contained in the 5th paragraph of your letter regarding Meer Morad Ally I regret to state that his influence over the mind of His Highness seems entirely at an end—His Highness's natural acuteness is considerable & he seems perfectly aware that their relative positions are entirely changed & that the means formerly employed by a tutor to enforce submission can no longer be resorted to.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 22d Novemr. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. General.

Enclosure

Notes by the Agent to the Governor General.

In point of fact the course here suggested has already been followed. The Mufty however is desirous it should be enforced under the direct sanction of Government.

Some restriction has also been necessarily exercised in this particular. His Highness sometimes is disposed to extend his drives beyond all reasonable sounds. The latter part of the rule may appear needlessly harassing but there is no desire to enforce it with severity.

It is desirable that this should obtain the full and distinct sanction of Govt. His Highness not unfrequently closes his apartments & it is not easy to enforce excess to him.

This may appear severe but it were to be wished that H.H.'s choice of associates was such as to render it unnecessary.

Memorandum of Mufty Mohumed Moiz regarding the education of His Highness the Nazim of Bengal —18th Novr. 1825.

1st. It being necessary that the personal attendants of H. High.'s should not be of bad character the Mufty shall examine into this particular & should any appear to be objectionable he shall state it to the Agent who shall remove them or take such other steps as seems proper. The Jummadars shall daily report to the Mufty regarding the conduct of the other servants & the Agent will intimate to them the penalty they will incur for misconduct.

2d. His Highness will if so inclined ride or drive out for an hour in the morning and in the evening. If he desires to go out at any other time he will intimate his wish through the Mufty to the Agent who will exercise his discretion in granting permission.

3d. From 8 till 11 O'Clock (English time) in the forenoon & from 1 till 3 O'Clock in the afternoon His Highness shall be employed in reading & writing.

4th. During the above period the Mufty will attend H. H. as a matter of course without being summoned.

5. Thursday & Friday shall be holidays & His Highness shall hold a Durbar on Thursday when the several branches of the family shall pay their respects as usual generally excepting on the days of Durbar no members of the family or other persons shall be permitted to wait on His Highness without the permission of the Agent obtained through the Mufty. The Nuwab Munglee & such other persons as shall be (illegible) of by the Agent shall not be included in this restriction. Any deviation from this rule will be reported to the Agent who will exercise his discretion & authority in preventing a repetition of it.

This has already been authorised by Government in the 6th paragraph of the Persian Secretary's letter of the 21 October & has been in some degree acted upon by the Agent.

This is directed against existing extravagance which it is absolutely necessary to check.

6th. The Mufty will write a monthly report on the conduct of His Highness & present it to the Agent who will transmit it for the information of Government.

7th. The Agent will enquire into the expenditure of the money and articles supplied to the Kullumdan Khanah & will keep an account thereof, when His Highness requires money he will intimate it to the Mufty who will ascertain from the Agent whether the expenditure has his sanction. The Darogah of the Kulumdan Khanah & other Servants of the Nizamut shall not supply money to H. H.s in any other manner than that above prescribed on their own personal responsibility for the amount. The Darogah of the Wardrobe department in like manner shall supply what clothes are necessary according to custom for H. H.s personal use but without the permission of the Agent shall not furnish more than those or uncut pieces of Cloth.

[1061]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Collector of Town Duties, Moorshedabad.

Sir, The Doolin Begum informs me that your officers have detained 30 seers of Ghee which were proceeding to her Deoree conformably to custom. It is also stated that they have refused to permit the usual supply of oil to be brought across the river.

May I request the favor of your making the necessary enquiries & directing that the monthly supplies for Her Highness & household may be allowed to pass as usual —should any deviation from the Established practice on the part of her servants have occasioned the present difficulty I beg to be favored with a communicat[ion] from you on the subject.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 22d Novr. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1062]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Allow me to request that you will call the attention of the Government to the delay which has again occurred in the discharge of the Nizamut stipends. They are nearly four months in arrears and I do not find that the Collector has any early prospect of discharging them. Indeed he is unable to advance me so trifling a sum as Rs. 10,000 to answer pressing calls. I have already explained the circumstances which now render so considerable an arrear a very heavy burden especially on the numerous small stipendiaries and I trust that the knowledge of their distress will induce His Lordship in Council to pardon my solicitude to relieve it.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 22d Novr. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Governor General.

[1063]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to transmit an order in your favor for Rupees 4,315- 3- 2 and request that you will credit it as a sum overdrawn in the receipts which accompanied my letter of the 17th of September last.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 28th Novr. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1064]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Not having any other means of ascertaining when you have money in your treasury for the payment of the Nizamut stipends or any part thereof, I request that you will do me the favor to intimate to me whenever you are prepared to liquidate such demands.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 28th Novr. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1065]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Understanding that you have received instructions under which you have considered yourself required to pay money to the Commercial Resident in preference to the arrears of the Nizt. Stipends and no communication having been made to this office reversing the Resolutions of Government of the 8th January 1814 for giving a preference to the stipends ; I request that you will do me the favor to send me a copy of the more recent instructions.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 28th Novr. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1066]

R. Saunders Esqr.,
Secy. to the Board of Customs, Fort William.

Sir,—From the correspondence which accompanied your letter of the 7th Inst. it would appear that some little delay may eventually arise in disposing of Mr. Thompson's Bungalow. I should hope however that the matter will not be lost sight of and that it's final arrangement will prevent the necessity for any renewal of unpleasant discussion at a (torn) period.

2. In the (torn) fair that the Writer of the (torn) should pay rent to the Nuwab (torn) for the premises, from the date of his occupying (torn) to that on which the Nuwaub may receive back the purchase money. The rate mentioned in the 8th paragraph of Mr. Smelt's letter to the Board under date the 20th June last (thirty Rupees per mensem) appears unobjectionable.

3. Considering the affair to be in the hands of the Board I am averse to interfere farther in it excepting through them and should they concur in the Propriety of the above suggestion they will perhaps be pleased to issue the necessary orders accordingly.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 29th Novr. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1067]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to report the death of Ueuzeeroonissa Begum Grand-daughter of Mirza Baukir. In the report of the Committee of 1802 she is reported to receive a Stipend of Rs. 33 per mensem under the head "Aukrobah."

She left three sons one of whom is since dead and I beg leave to recommend that the sum in question be divided in equal portions* between the surviving sons Syud Mohmed Ushruf Ally and Syud Mahd. Baukir Ally.—I have etc.

*16-8 each.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 2d Decemr. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1068]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to report the death of Meer Jaun Grandson of Meer Hyder Ally a relation of the Nuwaub Jaffer Ally Khan who in the report of the Committee of 1802 is stated to receive a stipend of Rs. 10 per mensem under the Head Akrobah from the Serishtah Behla.

I beg leave to recommend that the amount be continued to Syud Jaun Son of the deceased.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 2d December 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1069]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I am desirous to proceed for a short time to the Presidency to put in train some arrangements regarding the Nizamut property thereof the value of which very inadequate notions appear to have been hitherto entertained.

From some enquiries I have caused to be made it would appear that the landed estate of His Highness in various parts of Calcutta notwithstanding the neglect & encroachment to which it has been subjected is worth of several lacks of rupees. With reference to this inattention & to the handle this description of property might eventually give to designing even in rendering His Highness subject to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court my present impression is that it will be most advantageous for the Nizamut that it should be sold. Before offering any final opinion however I am desirous to have more precise information than I at present possess regarding it's extent the nature of the title & other particulars which will probably require a reference to Counsel & which can only be conveniently obtained on the spot. Some property of the Ameeroonissa Begum & which Her Hs. is desirous to sell is similarly circumstanced.

The Vakeel of the Nuwab Nazim also reports that a particular store room was closed by the Nuwaub Jaffer Ally Khan when he last left Calcutta and it has never since been opened. Its site is included in the range of the improvements now carrying on & it is desirable that it should be cleared, & given up—I confess I do not entertain very sanguine hopes of finding much of value in it but at the same time it is proper that I should be present when it is opened.

There are farther some affairs of the Nuwab Saulut Jung & others of the family in which I hope I might be of use.

There is nothing here requiring my particular attention at this moment and any necessary current business arising during the two or three weeks to which my absence might extend at present can be easily transacted at the Presidency. The conduct of His Highness tho' not entirely satisfactory is not peculiarly objectionable & I shall not be sorry to try the effect of putting him on his honor as to his behaviour during my absence.

I trust therefore that His Lordship in Council will approve of my proceeding to the Presidency for the period I have mentioned.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 3d Decemr. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the G. G.

[1070]

J. W. Sage Esqr.,
Collector of Dinagepore.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a Petition presented to me by Mirza Mohomud Jaun a servant in the Nizamut and to request that you will have the goodness to pay such attention to it, as the circumstances of the case may appear to you to require.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 5 Decr. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1071]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I am concerned to be compelled to submit for the information & orders of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council the enclosed copies of correspondence with Her Highness the Ameeroonissa Begum regarding the allowances payable from her Deorhee to the Eunuch Roz Ufzoon Khan.

2d. As these papers contain much repetition I may perhaps be excused from translating the whole of them and a full exposition of what has passed may be deemed sufficient.

3d. The correspondence commences with a letter from Mr. Magniac Acting Agent to Her Highness stating that Roz Ufzoon Khan has complained that Her Highness's officers refuse to pay his pension of 150 per mensem as an old servant of the Bubboo Begum on the ground that he has not presented his Nuzzer at Her Highness's Deorhee & does not remain in attendance there. Mr. Magniac observes that pensions are not liable to attachment for such reasons & expresses his hopes that the arrears may be forthwith discharged.

4th. Some months afterwards a letter was received from the Begum not purporting to be an answer to Mr. Magniacs address but to the following effect, that Hazee Saadutmund Khan had been Nazir of the Bubboo Begums Deorhee at a salary of Rupees 210 per mensem and on his death Roz Afzoon Khan was appointed by the Begum to succeed him. On the death of the Begum & the accession of the Walidah Begum Roze Ufzoon Khan was displaced but his full salary was continued to him by the Nuwaub Bubbur Ally Khan & was made payable from the Behla Department—Umber Ally Khan was appointed Nazir of the Deorhee at a salary of 150 which sum was obtained by diminishing the allowance of other servants of the Bubboo Begum. On the occurrence of the quarrel between the Walidah Begum & the Nuwaub Aleejah Umber Alli Khan was displaced and Roz Ufzoon Khan reinstated with the allowance of 150 in addition to that of Rs. 210. Under these circumstances the Begum expresses her opinion that Roz Ufzoon cannot continue to draw both allowances and states that the Nizamut officers deduct the amount from her in consequence of the separate payment from the Behla that it is also unjust that one person should draw allowances from two sources, that Bussunt Ally Khan Nazir of the Munnee Begum receives only from Her Highness & not from the Nizamut that the allowance from the Behla is the only one to which Roz Ufzoon Khan is properly entitled that this sum of 150 is wages for actual service which he does not render and finally that there is no other fund from which Her Highness can pay her Nazir. She therefore requests that the Nizamut officers may be instructed not to deduct the amount from her.

5th. In a second letter Mr. Magniac again points out that the allowance to Roze Ufzoon Khan is a pension & solicits the Begum to pay the arrears & continue to discharge the amount regularly.

6th. In this state the affair remained until I took it up on the representation of Roze Ufzoon Khan. In my letter to Her Highness I reminded her of Mr. Magniac's communications & observed that it did not appear to me Her Highness could devote the sum in question to her own Nazir as proposed in her letter for that it was clear from Mr. Monckton's report which had on the 13th February 1818 received the sanctions of Government that the sum in question had been settled on Roze Ufzoon Khan for life. I therefore expressed my hope that the arrear from Maug 1229 (corresponding with January 1823) should be forthwith discharged.

7th. In reply the Begum informs me that from the other Agents having remained silent & from not receiving an answer to her former communication she inferred she was not to pay the amount to Roz Ufzoon Khan that Mr. Loch having investigated the business & considered the misconduct of the Khan towards her in Mr. Russell's time & his uniform disrespect & disposition to intrigue positively refused (verbally) to sanction the allowance that it originated with Umber Ally Khan & it was the wish of the Nuwaub Aleejah to continue it to him but the Walidah Begum considering it as granted for personal service succeeded in obtaining it for Roz Ufzoon Khan, that he cannot now have any right to it, that if a person who conducts himself as this man has done is to receive a pension Her Highnesses dignity will suffer & she repeats that she has no other fund from which to pay her present Nazir.

8th. In my answer I state that I perceive no reason for altering my former opinion that Her Highness must be well aware the amount in question was granted for the express purpose of supporting this old servant of the Bubboo Begum & that it cannot be alienated from that object. I then reply to the other parts of her letter repeating that her present Nazir can have no claim whatever on the sum in question & expressing my anxious hope that in consideration of the very great delay which has already occurred she will issue instructions to her officers to arrange the business within a month.

9th. Her Highness in reply reiterates her charges against Roz Ufzoon Khan but the communication contains nothing new.'

10th. I have been desirous however to state in the fullest manner the agreement of Her Highness because I would willingly if possible discover in them some Justification of her conduct.

11th. In this case however it appears that the pension in question was sanctioned by Government with the other allowances to the deceased Bubboo Begums dependants & servants in all Rs. 2,000 per mensem on the 30th January 1810 or nearly thirteen years before the Doolin Begum was placed on the Musnud. It is sufficiently manifest from the whole tenor of the communication & especially from the 4th paragraph of Mr. Swinton's letter that this sum was granted as a reward for past & not as a payment for future service.

12th. The amount is further specifically assigned out of the above Fund to Roz Ufzoon Khan Daroga of the Deorhee in the appendix to the 58th and succeeding paragraphs of Mr. Moncktons report upon the Deoorhees under date the 24th Decemr. 1817 under the head Imteazee with the following remark "This allowance should cease on Roge Afgoon's death" The distribution was approved of by Government on the 13th Feby. 1818 nearly five years before the Begum was placed on the Musnud.

13th. Under these circumstances I humbly conceive that the observations of Her Highness are not entitled to a moments attention and that the Government ought not even for much better reasons than have been assigned to permit an arrangement which has so long received its sanction to be questioned or disturbed.

14th. It is farther my duty to draw the attention of His Lordship in Council to the conduct of Her H. in attaching a pension thus sanctioned within one month after her being placed on the Musnud & pertinaciously refusing to restore it notwithstanding the advise so repeatedly offered to her by successive agents. Her former resentment against Roz Afzoon & her partiality for her present Nazir to whom she has granted the allowance appear to have entirely blinded her in the transaction to all sense of duty & respect for the Government.

15th. Under the whole circumstances of the case I beg leave to recommend that this pension together with the arrears be made payable from the Behla department of the Nizamut and not from Her Highness's Deorhee.

16th. I avail myself of the opportunity to transmit another letter from Her Highness written in reply to one from me soliciting information regarding her omission to pay certain other allowance to old servants also due from the Bubboo Begums pension fund ; the servants however residing with the mother of the reigning Nazim.

17th. In this communication His H. states that all pensions & formerly payable by the Walidah Begum are now under Her H. controul & not under that of the Nujeebool Nissa Begum. They were all made over to Her Highness by Mr. Ricketts on her succeeding the Waulidah Begum and among them the pensions of the persons referred to. The Nawaub Walajah however stated when they were summoned to attend Her Highness's Deorhee that these persons were dissatisfied with her that he would himself pay their allowances & requested she would entertain other servants in lieu of them. Mr. Ricketts verbally sanctioned this arrangement which has accordingly continued for the last three years.

18th. I understand however that these persons have uniformly remained in the apartments which have been successively occupied by the Bubboo Begum the Walidah Begum & the Nujeebool Nissa Begum & that the omission to discharge their allowances has given rise to frequent disputes.

19th. For the reasons above assigned I consider their pensions payable according to Mr. Monckton's statement wherever they may reside & that no resumption of them ought to be permitted—Neither do I conceive that the Doolin Begum has any such decided right to their services as to render it necessary that they should be compelled to quit the Muhal in which they have all along resided and under this impression I would beg leave to propose that the Agent should be empowered to transfer the payment of them amounting to Rs. 165 per mensem to the Behla department of opposition occur similar to that which has occasioned the reference regarding Roze Afzoon Khan.

20th. These persons received further allowance of 191 from the Munnee Begum but as the Doolhin Begum appears to have better claim over those stipends I propose to continue them to her & to compensate the servants from the grant to be made to the Nuzzeebool Nissa Begum.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 6 December 1825.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the G. G.

[1072]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I am unable to find in this Office certain Resolutions of Governt. of the 3d Sept. 1790 which would appear to be of considerable importance in determining various Nizamut questions, I should therefore be obliged to you to send me a copy of them.

The Resolutions or orders passed by Govt. on the report of the Committee of 1802 are also not forthcoming & if not very bulky I should also thank you for a copy of them.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 6th December 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1073]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to report the death of Mehumdee Begum daughter of Muhabut Ally Khan brother of the Nuwab Suraje oo dowlah. In the report of the Committee of 1802 in Serishta Nizamut under the head Akrobah Muhabut Ally Khan has a pension of Rs. 180 assigned to him and which was encreased under orders of Government of 28th January 1808 to 280 Rs. per mensem.

I am unable to trace any order fixing the stipend of Mahummudee Begum at Rs. 33-14-12 which she received but appears to have been done under the arrangement proposed by Mr. Pattle under date the 24th April &

9th May 1809 and sanctioned by Government on the 23d May 1809.

I beg leave to recommend that the whole amount be settled on Sukunch Begum only child of the deceased.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 7 December 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1074]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I request the favor of your submitting for the orders of Government the enclosed proposed establishment for the Nujeeboo Nissa Begum mother of the reigning Nazim.

2d. The total amount for Kitchen &ca. is Rs. 26,086-7 per annum for 18,333-11 of which sum assets are forthcoming & the balance Rs. 7,752-12 must for the present be considered as a surplus charge to be specially provided for. As other funds lapse however this sum will gradually diminish & in less than two years will probably be absorbed.

3d. In proposing the personal stipend the only precedent I can find is that of the Fyzoonissa Begum who as mother of the reigning Nazim before she succeeded as Head of any Department received for a time an allowance of Rs. 2,000 per mensem. This sum was however fixed at a period when the wants of the Nizamut were very great & accordingly the first opportunity was seized upon for encreasing it to Rs. 3,000 per mensem.

4th. As the wife of the Nazim will reside with His mother after the completion of his marriage & some expence will thereby be incurred I incline to think upon the whole that this latter sum (Rs. 3,000 per mensem) is as little as ought to be granted.

5th. Provision is also required for six Hurrums of the Nuwab Walajah and the total will fall short of the customary allowance of Rs. 100 each (illegible) is proposed to divide Rs. 500 as stated in the Margin. The Beebee at the head of the list is sister to the mother of the Nazim & on that account her allowance is somewhat larger.

6th. I do myself the honor to enclose a statement of lapsed stipends & disbursements from the fund thereby created from which it will appear that no surplus charge will be incurred on the present occasion.

7th. I beg leave to recommend that the allowances commence from the beginning of the present Bengal year 1232.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 17 Decemr. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the G. G.

Enclosure No. 1.

Proposed allowances for the Deorhee of Nuwaub Nujeeboo Nissa Begum for 1232 B.S.

	Paid from the Meer Samanee department	Amount required	Total
Karkhanajat &ca.			
Baburcheekhanah	6,500- 3- 8	2,499-12-12	9,000- 0- 0
Maiz Khanah	100-15- 8	24-12- 0	125- 0- 0
Tumbole Khanah	655- 3- 4	—	655- 3- 4
Buttah Ditto	415- 3- 0	—	415- 3- 0
Shumacheraug Khanah	36-15-10	113- 0-10	150- 0- 0
Mushaul Khnah	799- 2- 5	600-13-15	1,400- 0- 0
Khorack in cash	223- 8- 0	—	223- 8- 0
Bhindah Khanah	230- 7- 0	—	230- 7- 0
Toshuck Khanah &ca.			
Salluanah	1,130-12- 0	2,869- 4- 0	4,000- 0- 0
Shawls &ca.	1,210- 0- 0	290- 0- 0	1,500- 0- 0
Nuwauby &ca.	141- 8- 0	558- 8- 0	700- 0- 0
Poshak on festivals Eed, Salgirah & Nowroze	3,993- 0- 0	—	3,993- 0- 0
Shoes Embroidered	198-12- 0	—	198-12- 0
Joora Ushra Mohurum	—	150- 0- 0	150- 0- 0
Rumjaun Festival	—	175- 0- 0	175- 0- 0
Shubdegg &ca.	—	125- 0- 0	125- 0- 0
Fateha Teeratauge	—	10- 0- 0	10- 0- 0
Pickles & Presirues	—	75- 0- 0	75- 0- 0
Wax candles	153- 0- 0	—	153- 0- 0
Kuhooah	42- 0- 0	—	42- 0- 0
Neeaz Koondah	16- 7- 7	—	16- 7- 7
Festival of Shubraut & fireworks	203- 0- 7-2	46-15-12-2	250- 0- 0
Ushra Mohurum besides the Aushoor Khana	1,358-13- 5	—	1,358-13- 5
Fateha Dowasda O'fauto	10- 2-11	—	10- 2-11
Toys for Dewally	88- 8-18	92- 7- 2	181- 0- 0
Telwah Chorrah	18- 0- 0	7- 0- 0	25- 0- 0
Ubber & Coocoomah for Hooley	44- 0- 0	16- 0- 0	60- 0- 0
Edool Zooha boaj koorbany 101 Sheep @ 12 each	48- 0- 0	27-12- 0	75-12- 0
Goolabuttor & Silk for Jewels	36-14- 0	38- 2- 0	75- 0- 0
Mushuk & Pukhaul for Bheesty	68-10- 0	—	68-10- 0
Nowroze	562- 9-10-2	—	562- 9-10-2
Washerman	48- 0- 0	24- 0- 0	72- 0- 0
Charges for Dushera	—	10- 0- 0	10- 0- 0
Total	18,333-11-14-0	7,752-12- 3-2	26,086- 7-17-2

Enclosure No. 2.

Monthly Deposit Fund Account

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To Monthly accumulation of Lapsed stipends Agreeably to former Accounts		
,, Kitchen allowance of Munnee Begum (5,625-12-2 annually) .		46-13-16-2
,, Stipend of Ally Rezza Khawn .	1,100- 0- 0	
Kitchen allowance	140- 8-10	1,240- 8-10
,, Stipend of Bubboo Begum . .		4,400- 0- 0
,, ditto of Syud Ahmed Ally .		1,000- 0- 0
,, ditto of Syud Hossein . .		750- 0- 0
,, ditto of the Family of Raee Keshen Chund . .		700- 0- 0
,, ditto of Yadgaroonessa Begum		250- 0- 0
,, ditto of Sahibah Begum . .		14- 0- 0
,, ditto of Nusrut Ally . .		200- 0- 0
,, ditto of Shuhurbanoo Begum .		15- 0- 0
,, Do. of Ajauz Ally & Rumjaun Ally . . .		30- 0- 0
,, Do. of Belkish Begum . .		19- 2- 0
,, Do. of Newasee Begum . .		350- 0- 0
,, ditto of Usmutoonissa . .		75- 0- 0
,, Do. of Merzah Bakur . .		14- 0- 0
,, Do. of Meer Neejumoodeen Ally		60- 0- 0
,, Do. of Tooraub Ally & others		45- 0- 0
,, ditto of Bunnee Khanum .		10- 0- 0
,, ditto of Moobarckoonissa Khanum . . .		150- 0- 0
,, ditto of Hubiboonissa Khanum		28- 0- 0
,, ditto of Beebee Ruhmoo . .		22- 0- 0
,, Do. of Ruhumoonissa Moog-lenee & others . .		48- 0- 0
,, Do. of Emaum Buksh Junah .		15- 0- 0
,, Allowance of H. Hs. when Sabibzaddah . .		1,200- 0- 0

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By Monthly Disbursements from the accumulation of lapsed stipends	
,, Paid to Munnee Begums Moolazimans . .	1,915-13- 0
,, ditto to Her Highness the Ameeroonissa Begum .	2,000- 0- 0
,, ditto to Sahebzadees of Nuwaub Ally Jah . . .	750- 0- 0
,, ditto to Heerums of the ditto .	600- 0- 0
,, ditto to Mureerum Begum . .	150- 0- 0
,, ditto to Noor Jehan Begum &ca.	550- 0- 0
,, ditto to Tomb Expence of the late Ally Jah Nazim .	57- 0- 0
,, ditto to the family of Raee Gir-dharee Mull . . .	50- 0- 0
,, Do. to Reeheemoonissa Begum .	250- 0- 0
,, Do. to Lootfunnnissa &ca. . .	35- 0- 0
,, Do. to Oomodah Begum & Wahid Hossein Khan .	300- 0- 0
,, Do. to the Dewan . . .	1,000- 0- 0
,, Do. to Moofty Mohumed Moiz .	500- 0- 0
,, Do. to Syud Ghaulib Ally Khan	300- 0- 0
,, Do. to Tomb Expence of the late Nazim	40- 0- 0
,, Do. to Sheokeram . . .	35- 0- 0
	8,532-13- 0- 0
By Balance	3,705-11- 6- 2

Monthly Deposit Fund Accounts—*Concld.*

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Stipend of Mirza Tuckee & others	48- 0- 0	
,, ditto of Uzzeemoonissa Begum & others . . .	150- 0- 0	
,, Salleeanah of the Hurum's of Nawab Nujmuddowla (636 annually) . .	53- 0- 0	10,933- 8- 6-2
Agreeably to the present account		
Stipend of Hossein Kolee Khan from the Serishta Nizamut .	200- 0- 0	
ditto of Hossein Koolee Khan from Behla . . .	200- 0- 0	
ditto of Hurrums & of Nuwab Ally Jah Nazim . .	156- 0- 0	
ditto of Busheer Ally Eunuch .	30- 0- 0	
ditto of Beeby Bellaw . .	60- 0- 0	
ditto of Kurmunissa . .	40- 0- 0	
ditto of Mehurbanoo . .	14- 0- 0	
ditto of Jehanabaddy Gain .	25- 0- 0	
ditto of Beeby Kurimun . .	50- 0- 0	
ditto of Yasooboodeen Ally Khan . . .	25- 0- 0	
ditto of Zynool Abdeen . .	15- 0- 0	
ditto of Meer Ally . . .	20- 0- 0	
Do. of Meer Mohumeed . .	25- 0- 0	
Do. of Mirza Shere Alli Mursheeah Khan .	40- 0- 0	
Do. of Hoomaoon Sooltan Begum . . .	25- 0- 0	
Do. of Sooltan Mirza Ibrahim	350- 0- 0	
Do. of Mirza Ally Murseea Khan	30- 0- 0	1,305- 0- 0-0
	Sicca Rupees .	12,238- 8- 6-2

Dr.

Sicca Rupees . .	12,233- 8- 6- 2

[1075]

(Torn),
Supt. of Nizamut Buildings.

Sir,—We yesterday visited together the Apartments of [the] Nujeeboonissa Begum mother of the reigning Nazim & witnessed the state of ruin & delapidation into which they had fallen.

As the wife of His Highness will reside with the Begum after her marriage which will shortly be celebrated I beg leave to inform you that the erection of (torn) buildings for her accommodation appears to me more greatly required than any other object under your superintendence.

With reference to the necessity for the rapid execution of this work, to the uncertainty of what may be the final determination of Government regarding the disposal of the ground on which these apartments stand and to the period which must elapse before the Palace can be completed it seems to me that it is expedient to erect a building of the kind denominated [Kutcha] Pucka & of which the expence will not be considerable.

At the same time it will be desirable to repair the best of the old tenements so as to render them as comfortable & weather proof as possible bearing in mind that they may be eventually removed altogether after a few years.

The Begums & other Nizamut officers have been desired to afford you information as to the extent of accommodation required in the new buildings & I request the favor of your preparing a plan after consultation with them.

It will be desirable to proceed with such repairs as may be made at an inconsiderable expence without further reference.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 21 Decr. 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1076]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to submit a Copy of a letter addressed by me to the Superintendent of Nizamut Buildings for the orders of Government should any be deemed necessary.

On learning from Captain McLeod what is proposed to be done I shall have the honor to transmit a farther report.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 21 December 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1077]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—The deficiency of funds in the Collector's office here to meet even current demands has hitherto deterred me from attempting to carry into effect the orders of Government of the 5th April last regarding the marriage of the Nuwaub Nazim.

2d. His Highness has now expressed to me his anxious desire that the ceremony may take place in the approaching month Rujub (corresponding with February nearly) which is considered exceedingly propitious for the purpose and with reference to the delay which has already occurred & to the whole circumstances of the case it appears to me desirable that his wishes should if possible be complied with.

3d. In regard to the amount of expenditure to be incurred on his part I feel somewhat at a loss what to propose no precedent existing for any public ceremonial of the nature now contemplated.

4th. The least objectionable plan would seem to be to fix a precise sum by which the detailed expenditure shall be regulated with a distinct understanding that no excess will on any account be permitted.

5th. With reference to the intention of Government conveyed in the 2d paragraph of your letter above quoted I am inclined to think after much discussion & many extravagant propositions that a sum of two lacks of Rupees would be a liberal and adequate but by no means extravagant provision for the purpose.

6th. It is impossible on such an occasion to prevent comparisons being drawn between the display made by His Highness & that of opulent Calcutta merchants on similar occasions. Altho' I have not failed to point out that His Highness's true dignity does not in fact depend upon rivalling the exhibitions of the metropolies, where I believe much larger sums are frequently expended yet knowing the sentiments generally entertained I have been induced to propose a sum larger than I should otherwise have recommended.

7th. If the proposition is generally conformable to the intentions of Government I shall have the honor hereafter to forward propositions regarding the funds on which the expence will fall.

8th. Should there be any difficulty in supplying the necessary funds at the present moment I beg leave to propose that I be allowed money to be repaid at the pleasure of money at an interest not exceeding 9 per cent. I have ascertained I believe that I could not at this moment procure a considerable sum for an uncertain period at a lower rate.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 22d December 1825.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1078]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secrtary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to submit the Nizamut Accounts for 1230 B.S. for the consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council.

2nd. The excess expenditure stated in the accounts furnished by the Dewan, was, excluding fractions		1,05,698
From this sum is to be deducted for reasons assigned in Statement No. 4	31,552	
and in Statement No. 5 . .	12,574	44,126
Leaving the actual balance against the Nizamut		Rs. 61,572
3rd. To provide for this surplus, we have from the sum set apart by the Committee of 1802, and subsequent lapsed stipends .		Rs. 78,767
And savings of wages for broken periods		Rs. 1,522
Total		Rs. 80,289
Deduct excess expenditure as above		Rs. 61,572
Balance in favor of Nizamut . .		Rs. 18,717

4th. It is but justice to the Naib Dewan, to state, that, instead of exhibiting a balance against the Nizamut of Rs. 25,408—the above balance in favor of the establishment has been satisfactorily shewn to exist.

5th. Many objections were of course made by the Dewan to the revised accounts ; and it is not until after a full consideration of the pleas he had to urge, and the most liberal allowance for those, which seemed entitled to any consideration, that these statements are submitted to Government.

6th. In the deposit fund account will be found a farther charge of Rs. 2,700 paid to Doctor Smith, although, a similar item was disallowed last year. The calls on the Privy purse are at present so numerous and pressing, that it has been necessarily inserted here, and I feel at a loss what to propose regarding it. The allowance ceased sometime ago.

7th. I am not aware that any farther remarks are at present necessary on my part regarding these accounts. It is my intention to transmit shortly, with the accounts of 1231, a detailed statement in English of the present Nizamut expenditure, on somewhat the same principle as that submitted by the Committee in 1802. I have found that document an eminently useful record, and the present opportunity seems favorable for revising it.

8th. Such remarks as occur will then more properly find a place. I may here observe, however, that my enquiries do not lead me to suppose that any large proportion of the Nizamut expenditure is altogether fictitious. Many frauds and irregularities certainly prevail ; but, I think, they are practised more in the Meer Samanee and Toshuk Khanah departments, in suspending for indefinite periods payments actually due and actually charged, than in inserting items which have no existence. I have endeavoured to meet this great evil by requiring the Dewan to Keep a book of deposits, in which he will be responsible for inserting all sums actually due, and charged, but not actually paid, and by attention to it, I hope the principal abuses will be checked.

9th. I shall embrace the same opportunity of submitting explanations and propositions regarding the large sum of Rs. 2,58,549 remaining charged against former Nazims, for excess expenditure in various years.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th January 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. Genl.

[1079]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I understand the late Dutch factory at Calcapore is under your charge & I should be much obliged to you to inform me whether any mode of appropriating it to the public service in your department occurs to you.

If you have no occasion for it I propose to recommend that it be made over to me with a view to the Employment of the materials in other works.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 16th Jany. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1080]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose an extract of a letter from the Persian Secretary to Government dated the 30th Ultimo and my receipts in Duplicate for Rs. 50,000 in part of the sum allowed for the marriage of the Nuwaub Nazim.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 24th Jany. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1081]

Lieutt. Colonel Hathwaite,
Superintendent of Mysore Princes,
Russapuglah, Calcutta.

Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 19th Ultimo I have the honor to inform you that after some discussion Meer Kadir Allee at length set off for the Presidency on the 22nd Instant and I trust will report himself to you shortly after the receipt of this letter.

I beg to enclose a letter from him to your address which I declined to forward until he had left Moorshedabad.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 24 January 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1082]

Captn. D. MacLeod,
Supt. Nizt. Buildings.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit for your information a Copy of a letter from the Civil Auditor to the

address of the Persian Secy. to Government together with the reply of the latter officer.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 26th Jany. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1083]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a Copy of my proceedings of the 24th Ultimo for your information.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 2 Feby. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1084]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—In compliance with the request of the Nuwaub Nazim, I have the honor to forward two specimens of His handwriting ; one, with the view of being offered to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General, and he requests your acceptance of the other.

I trust that His Lordship in Council will be satisfied with the progress made by His Highness, in this branch of his education.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 2nd Feby. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. Genl.

[1085]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I request the favor of your laying before the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council the enclosed Copy of a letter from Captain MacLeod, Superintendent of Nizamut Buildings, together with the original plan which accompanied it.

2nd. The points which immediately require the decision of Government appear to be, First, certain arrangements connected with the extended accommodation proposed to be afforded to the Nujeeb ool nissa Begum, the wife of the Nazim, and the Bhow Begum. Second, the introduction of a complete and efficient system of draining throughout the Killah, and, Thirdly, the erection of certain walls with the view of effectually enclosing the premises.

3rd. On the first point it appears to me, that Captain MacLeod's proposed arrangement of the premises is extremely judicious, and well contrived ; and it possesses such manifest advantages in convenience and regularity over the present distribution, that I would beg leave strongly to recommend its adoption.

4th. One material deviation occurs, however, from a suggestion I recently made to Captain MacLeod, and it appears desirable, that it should be well considered. The Superintendent proposes to erect durable structures at once, instead of the temporary buildings which I had contemplated.

5th. If this plan be adopted the present Noubut Khaneh and the buildings in a line with it (nearly) towards the Chowk must be considered permanent, and the site of the new Palace must be regarded as fixed.

6th. It will be observed from the plan that there is a space of about 350 feet between this range, and the intended site. This seems sufficient, and as Captain MacLeod and myself entirely concur in the opinion formerly expressed by Mr. Loch Coll. Parlby and Captain Buxton regarding the eligibility of the spot proposed for the Palace, perhaps, Government may be pleased, on a consideration of the plan now submitted, at once, to come to a final determination regarding it.

7th. The Nuwaub Munglee's premises it was always proposed to remove, and if he is well provided for otherwise, no material objection will be made by him, I apprehend more serious opposition to the destruction of the Imambareh. It has been suggested by Captain Mac Leod to remove only that part of it which adjoins the new Palace ; and to extend it across the road to the North as far as it is curtailed to the South. There will not, I believe, be any difficulty in carrying this plan into execution, and it seems proper, as making the least innovation practicable, on the feelings which prompt the members of the Nizamut to desire the continuation, in its present situation, of this religious edifice.

8th. Upon the whole, I beg leave to recommend, that the plan now suggested by Captain MacLeod, should be adopted.

9th. His proposals for draining and enclosing the premises appear to me also worthy of adoption. At a moderate expense, the comfort and salubrity of the Killah, will be most materially promoted.

10th. I do not find that any final Resolution has been adopted by Government regarding the mode in which the Superintendent's accounts are to be checked, and considerable confusion has prevailed in consequence of the deaths of Messrs Loch & Buxton I would beg leave, accordingly to suggest, that some Resolution be adopted on this point also.

11th. I should be inclined to doubt the necessity or advantage of placing these miscellaneous buildings under the usual controul of the Military Board. Beside the delay and difficulties incidental to such complicated works there would be impediments in making any little alterations which might suggest themselves during their progress. I would, however, beg to propose, that a reference might be left open to that Board on any specific point which required elucidation.

12th. I am too little acquainted, however, with the ordinary course pursued in such matters, to venture to offer any plan for the consideration of Government: I can only, therefore, offer my cheerful assistance, should it be required.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 2nd Feb. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. General.

[1086]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to report the death of Ruheemoolnissa Begum, a legitimate daughter of the Nuwaub Saubit Jung, a stipend of Rs. 250 per mensem was recommended for her in the 4th paragraph of Mr. Rocke's letter of 22nd August 1811, and was sanctioned in the 4th paragraph of the Persian Secretary's letter of the 27th September following.

2nd. The claims to the property left by the Begum being Keenly disputed, I called for a Futwa in the case from Mufty Moizuddeen, and learn from it, that the three half sisters of the deceased, have a preferable right.

3rd. With reference, however, to the observations in Mr. Monckton's letter above quoted, it does not appear necessary, materially, to increase the allowances of the illegitimate offspring of Baukir Ally Khan ; but, as they expect something on such an occasion, I beg to suggest an increase of Rs. 20 each to the stipends of Duryace Begum and Omdah Begum, two of the half sisters. The third half sister, Murreemool nissa, besides, her paternal fortune, gets Rs. 130 as a widow, and does not appear to require any increase, and there do not seem to be any other near relations whose rights, or whose wants, claim particular consideration.

4th. I beg, farther, to recommend, that Rs. 20 be set apart for allowances to old servants, agreeably to the annexed list,* and Rs. 17 for tomb expences: the surplus Rs. 173 may be resumed.—I have etc.

*Meer Jan Koka	5
Dace nunnee	3
Tajun	3
Bukshun	3
Hufeeza	6
	20

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 4th February 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1087

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to report the death of Sooltaun Hoomayoon Begum, a daughter of Shahzadeh Daood Sooltaun, son-in-law of Mahomed Saudek Khan (otherwise Nuwaub Meerun) who (with her brother Mirza Mahomed Juleel and others) is stated to receive a stipend of Rs. 100 per mensem, under the head Aukrabah, from the Serishtah Nizamut, in the appendix to the Report of the Committee of 1802.

2nd. As this stipend seems to be hereditary, I beg leave to recommend that Rs. 90 be divided equally among the three surviving sisters of the deceased, Khodeejeh Begum, Noorshurf Begum, and Mehur Jahan Begum: and that Rs. 10 be reserved for tomb expences.

3rd. Mehur Jahan Begum is insane but her son Mirza Ruheem, who is blind, takes care of the family.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 4th February 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1088]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg to transmit a Translation of a letter from Her Highness the Ameeroolnissa Begum to my address, soliciting a farther sum for the ensuing nuptials of her adopted daughter.

2nd. Since the receipt of this letter, I have endeavoured to ascertain from herself, and her Officers, what amount would really be required, and would satisfy Her Highness.

3rd. After repeated discussions, I incline to think that, if Government will be pleased to advance a farther sum of Rs. 30,000, thirty thousand Rupees, the whole may be completed with proper eclat.

4th. Her Highness has repeatedly urged, and I believe, with truth, that she would not have been so importunate, had not the unfortunate events, which followed the death of her husband, deprived her of all her property, and utterly disabled her from defraying the surplus expense from her private funds.

5th. It must also be admitted that her disbursements, on this occasion, must be numerous, and heavy ; and, I cannot, charge her with mismanagement of the funds already allowed. Although the ordinary usage of the heavier expense falling on the relations of the bride cannot be admitted, where the Nazim himself is to be married: Yet, with reference to the peculiar situation of Her Highness in the Nizamut it cannot occasion surprise, that she wishes to arrange her own ceremonial to answer, in some degree, to that prepared on the part of His Highness.

6th. Should my present recommendation be sanctioned, I need hardly repeat that the total amount allowed to Her Highness, will be Rs. 1,10,000 ; and to the Nazim, Rs. 2,00,000.

7th. The marriage, after much discussion, was yesterday fixed for the 22nd Instant ; and it is, of course, desirable, to learn the pleasure of Government on the proposition now submitted, at the earliest practicable period. The date originally fixed has been considerably anticipated: and I have inadvertently too long delayed transmitting Her Highness's letter.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 4th February 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Governor General.

Enclosure

Translation of a letter from Her Highness the Ameeroolnissa Begum to the Agent to the Governor Genl. received 14th January 1826.

I formerly transmitted a list of things required for the approaching marriage, and Rs. 80,000 were allowed on this account. From this sum some gold and silver utensils & a few jewels were prepared. I informed you, verbally ; that* Rs. 20,000 being reserved in deposit a great many things remained unprovided. Among them 30 or Rs. 40,000 were wanted for Khilluts for the Nazim, 10 or 12,000 for an entertainment for the relations, and 10 or Rs. 12,000 for cloths, lights, and food for the

women of the Muhul—This marriage was arranged under the special sanction of the Governor General, and created a universal sensation of pleasure which should not be disappointed—(the remainder of the letter is occupied with compliments to the Agent in the usual style).

**N.B.*—This was done at the suggestion of the Agent to answer the expences at the festival itself.

[1089]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose my Duplicate receipts for Sa. Rupees 9,600 which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 8 Feby. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1090]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a Copy of my proceeding of the 4th Instant together with the paper therein referred to for your information.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14 Feby. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1091]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to report the death of the Nuwaub Meer Mehdy, who received a pension of Rs. 1,000 per mensem, as a son of His Highness Mubaruk ood Dowlah.

2nd. He left seven children ; five sons and two daughters ; one of the former of whom since dead.

3rd. I beg leave to propose the following distribution of the Stipend.

1 Eldest son Meer Emamally at		200
3 sons Meer Mobaruckally Meer Wahedally Meer Toofailally	at 150	450
2 Daughters Fateemah Begum Zeboon Nissa Begum	at 100	200
Hurms ; tomb, &ca		100
Indeposit for marriages		50
	Rs.	1,000

4th. The eldest son will farther receive Rs. 30 per mensem from the Nizamut Kitchen.

5th. The Rs. 100 reserved for Hurms, &ca. I would propose to distribute in the manner noted in the margin.

Ameerun	
1 Hurm at 11	11
3* Do. at 8	24
5 Khadims 6	30
3 Khoas 4	12
1 Haji Mahd. an old attendant & associate of the Nuwaubs	10
Tomb	13
	100

* (illegible)

6th. The disbursement of this sum might be through the eldest son ; but to prevent disputes, I would propose, that the allowances to the children, should be paid to their own receipts from the Nizamut.

7th. The children being all, but one, very young, I shall make the necessary arrangements for their nurture and education. The eldest son attends the College, and they all for the present reside with the Mother of the deceased Nuwaub.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th February 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Governor General.

[1092]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to report the death of the Nuwaub Zyne-oolaubdeen (own brother of the Nuwaub Munglee) who received a pension of Rs. 1,000 per mensem, as a son of His Highness Muburuk-ood Dowlah.

2nd. A short time previous to his decease, he requested to see me, and recommended his only son to the protection of the British Government, intimating a wish, that the whole of his stipend should be continued to Meer Mahd. Hussein. In reply, I entreated him not to disturb himself with anxiety on this account ; that I was satisfied, from the uniform propriety of his conduct, and his well known attachment to Government, that His Lordship in Council would be solicitous to promote the welfare of a young man, also of great personal merit ; and that, although, I could not anticipate what might be the decision regarding the stipend, I would submit this claim in favorable terms for His Lordship's consideration.

3rd. I am, accordingly, induced to recommend it, not only from my respect for the late Nuwaub and his brother, the Nuwaub Munglee ; but also from the high opinion I am led to entertain of the young man himself. I am assured by the Moulvys of the College that there is not a single student so distinguished for talents, regularity and application, as Meer Mahd. Hussein: and I think such an instance of propriety of behaviour (unfortunately very rare in the Nizamut) possesses claims to some special mark of the favor of Government.

4th. Meer Mahamood Hussein is about 18 years of age ; and should Government be pleased to grant his Father's Stipend to him, in full, it is proposed, in concert, with the Nuwaub Munglee to continue, much of his Father's establishment, reserving for the present, Rs. 350 per mensem, as a fund to provide for his marriage ; but to revert to him on that event taking place.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th February 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1093]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg to solicit the authority of Government for disbursing the sum of Rs. 5,000 for the marriage of Badshah Begum, the daughter of Reeheemoolnissa Begum, No. 3 of Appendix No. 1 to Mr. Loch's report of the 30th August 1824.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th February 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Governor General.

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(Torn),
Moorshedabad.

Sir,—A supply of 400 Mds. of Oil 100 Mds. of Sugar and 75 Mds. (torn) being required for the approaching Marriage of His Highness the Nazim I request the favor of your [directing] your Officers to allow these Articles to pass as usual free of Duty.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14 Feby. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Governor General.

[1095]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill amounting to Rupees 3,694-10-8 with receipts in Duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 16th Feby. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1096]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I request the favor of your laying before the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, the accompanying Copy of a letter from Captain MacLeod, Superintendent Nizamut Buildings, together with copies of the accounts therein referred to.

2nd. It is almost superfluous to remark, that the late Lieutt. Buxton had only taken charge of his appointment here about a month, when the state of his health compelled him to proceed to Calcutta, and ultimately to sea.

3rd. Solicitous, however, for the efficient discharge of the duties entrusted to him, he communicated his intentions, generally, to the late Mr. Loch, whose Kindred desire to promote the views of Government, and the interests of the establishment, under his charge, led him to engage in the prosecution of Lieutt. Buxton's plans. In such a change, however, it is obvious that some confusion was likely to occur in checking and regulating the accounts, which was increased by the premature deaths of both Officers.

4th. On my assuming charge of my new duties, I did not, at once feel myself equal to the additional duty which Mr. Loch had undertaken, but was, of course, anxious that no loss should accrue. I took measures accordingly for the preservation of the materials which had been Collected ; and attempted, unsuccessfully, to recover the sum of Rs. 500 entrusted to Mr. Jas. Loch—While I awaited, with anxiety, the appointment of some officer to succeed Lieut. Buxton, most of the persons employed by him, and Mr. Loch, were taken ill, and left the place.

5th. This combination of unfortunate circumstances has necessarily imposed a very difficult task on Captain MacLeod in arranging the accounts. He has, however, at length, succeeded in exhibiting them in so clear and satisfactory a light, that nothing seems required from me, but to recommend a compliance with his suggestions, for discharging the arrears due, and for transferring to his Debit, the sums charged against the Deposit Fund, in the Building department.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 21st February 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Governor General.

[1097

Sir R. Martin Bt.,
Offg. 1st Judge and other Judges of the Courts of Appeal and Circuit, Moorshedabad.

Gentlemen,—I beg to transmit for your consideration a Copy of an order for seizing and sending to the Magt. all the female attendants of the household of Fuzul Ally Khan Darogah of the Camel department in the Nizamut I have caused the Copy to be taken from the original in the hands of the Darogah.

The order appears to me to be illegal and obviously objectionable and the peremptory terms in which it is issued leads me to apprehend some disagreeable consequences from the attempt now making by the Tannahdar to inforce it. I therefore beg the favor of your taking such notice of it as you may consider it to require.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 24th Feby. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1098]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I request the favor of your submitting to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, the papers noted in the margin.*

*Copy & translation of the Magistrate's Purwannah.

Agent to the Govr. Genl.'s letter to Magtr. dated 25th Instant.

2. About a month ago, on visiting the Palace one morning, I was informed that a slave girl belonging to Fuzul Ally Khan, Darogha of camels, and a relation of His High-

Ditto Do. Do. 26th Inst.

Copy of the Acting Magistrate's letter dated the 26th Inst.

ness, had committed suicide. I understood that the usual enquiries were making by the Police, to which, I suggested that every assistance should be afforded, and the occurrence passed without farther notice.

3. On the night of His Highness marriage, Wednesday the 22nd Instant, I slept in a house near the Palace, and early in the morning of the 23rd the Dewan informed me, that some Police Officers had come into the Palace grounds, for the purpose of taking the women and other servants of Fuzul Ally Khan's house, to the Magistrate's Cutcherry, and that they were then in attendance at Fuzul Ally's: the Dewan informed me that the house in question had not originally been included in the Killah, but had been Purchased by the Nuwaub Walahjah, and that the door of it was now within the Palace gate.

4. Being extremely averse to enter into any discussion on the affair at such a moment, I immediately wrote a private note to Mr. Russell, the Acting Magistrate, requesting, that he would suspend prosecuting the business, and withdraw his people for four or five days until the ceremonial of the marriage was brought to a conclusion.

5. I received a reply to this communication, but was uncertain from the tenor of it whether he would, or would not, comply with my request.

6. On the following day, Friday the 24th, finding that the Police Officers still remained at the door of Fuzul Ally's house, I caused a copy of the orders, under which they said they acted, to be taken, and considering them to be illegal, I forwarded them to the Court of Circuit, with a request, that that Court would take such notice of them as they might appear to merit. Mr. Oakeley, who happened to be here on his way to open the sessions at Bhaugulpore, concurred with me, in considering the orders of the Magistrate, to be illegal, and objectionable, and we immediately directed him to suspend the requisition for the attendance of the women in question, and to forward his proceedings within 24 hours for the examination of the Court. This order was issued on the Evening of the 24th and I have reason to know that it was immediately perused by the Acting Magistrate. I farther addressed a letter to the Acting Magistrate in my capacity of Agent to the Governor General, of which I have the honor to enclose a copy.

7. On visiting the Palace yesterday evening, I was happy to find no police Officers had appeared, and I entertained hopes that the orders issued by the Court of Circuit, and the representation I had made to Mr. Russell, had succeeded in preventing his pursuing farther, the unfortunate course he seemed to have chosen.

8. It was, therefore, with equal surprise and regret, that I learned, at an early hour this morning, by a message from the Dewan, through His Highness's Wukeel, that the police Officers had again appeared at the gate of the Palace, and that Mr. Russell had himself personally demanded admittance. His Highness on learning this, stated, that such an application had never before been known, excepting when preferred through the Agent, but desired Mr. Russell might be admitted. The Sepoy at the gate however, informed him, that that was not the usual gate, whereon he proceeded to another opening, and was again informed by another Sepoy to the same effect. He then expressed his extreme dissatisfaction, and retired. I have directed the Wukeel, Rae Girdhareelol, to state in writing, simply, what passed; informing him that I should hold him responsible for any misrepresentation, or exaggeration, and hope to transmit it tomorrow. I have the honor to transmit a Copy of another letter which I immediately addressed to Mr. Russell, together with a copy of a reply this moment received from him. In it, he denies having attempted to enter the Palace grounds, but says he only wished to ascertain the situation of Fuzul Ally's house.

9. I cannot but deeply lament that he had not satisfied himself on this point before he issued his orders, and occasioned all the disturbance of the last five days.

10. The mistake of the Dewan is not surprising. The situation of the Residence of Fuzul Ally Khan could only be ascertained by entering the Palace grounds, and in ascertaining it, the Nizamut Officers can scarcely be charged with a falsehood, in saying he attempted to enter the enclosure. I am unable to describe the vexation and annoyance this unforeseen occurrence has occasioned. In every other respect the ceremonial of the marriage has proceeded in the most satisfactory and fortunate manner. This is the day set apart for conferring the Khilluts given on the occasion, but His Highness was so much discomposed with Mr. Russell's visit in the morning, that serious thoughts were entertained of postponing the ceremony. It was feared however, that as the Durbar was so very near, sufficient notice of the delay in holding it, could not be given, and it has therefore proceeded.

11. I beg farther to transmit a Copy of a Roobukaree of Mr. Russell's dated the 18th Instant, sent to the Agent, from which it would appear, that the unfortunate temper in which he had taken up this business, was of an early Date. In it, contains the very unusual request, that the Agent will cause the attendance of Fuzul Ally and his son "without listening to frivolous excuses." I am wholly unable to guess why Mr. Russell should in his first proceeding, anticipate that I would act in a manner unbecoming the situation I have the honor to fill, and, if he did entertain such an apprehension, I conceive, a Persian Roobukaree, was not the proper medium for communicating it.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 26th February 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Governor General.

Enclosure

Perwaneh to Ameeroodeen, Darogah of Tannah Shahnuggur.

The representation on the back of the Perwaneh regarding the forwarding the Sooruthal, and the omission to send the women attendants and girls, Aseelan Okunee-zan, of the house of Fuzul Ally Khan, Darogha of the Camel department, in the case of the death of Nouba girl, on account of their being Purdeh Nusheens, has been perused. In this matter, it is ordered that within two days the females in question be sent to the Huzzoor, because they are not Purdeh Nusheens, and women servants (Aseelan) are never Purdeh Nusheens. This is manifest from the representation of the Mohrir at the time of writing the petition. Thereupon it is ordered that you obey to the former instructions. You are now

informed that if you do not conform to them, it will be worse for you, and you will be immediately summoned to answer for your conduct. Take care that such lame excuses be not made by you and your people. It is necessary that the Mohrir of your Tannah having himself gone to the house of Fuzul Ally Khan and having seized the women attendants and girls (Aseelan Okuneezan) of the house send them to the presence. In this fail not.

Dated 21st February 1826.

[1099]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Since addressing you yesterday I am happy to say the Court of Circuit have received a return from which it appears that the Acting Magistrate has suspended the order for seizing the women of Fuzul Ally Khan's house. He has also transmitted his proceedings in the case.

I shall be careful to explain to His Highness that Mr. Russell did not mean to intrude within the Fort yesterday morning, he could not have foreseen the annoyance the visit from him and some of his Officers occasioned or the misunderstanding to which it was likely to give rise, but I anxiously wish that his previous orders and conduct had given no colour to the impression. The report of the Wukeel of His Highness seeming now not to be required, I have the honor to transmit it, in original ; but trust I may be excused from translating it.

An inspection of Mr. Russell's proceedings evinces that there were no sufficient grounds for the extraordinary measures taken in this case, but on this, I shall have the honor of reporting hereafter.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 27th Feby. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Governor General.

[1100]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Finding the impression universal that the Acting Magistrate's intention was to enter the Palace grounds on the morning of the 26th Instant, I have been careful to explain to His Highness, his principal Officers, and others, in the most explicit manner, that such was not his desire. I have not, however, affected to conceal, that I disapproved of the object of the order in directing the General seizure of the female attendants of a family of some rank ; of the manner of attempting to execute it by Police Officers within the Palace enclosure ; of the moment chosen for enforcing it ; and of the refusal of the Acting Magistrate to alter that moment when requested by me to do so, It seems one of His Highness's nurses was at the time in Fuzul Ally's house, and was thus included in the requisition, and His Highness feels particularly hurt at the idea, being, for a moment entertained, of her being carried to the Cutcherry.

2nd. With the exception of this untoward occurrence, the whole ceremonial has proceeded in the most satisfactory manner. Indeed it seemed the general wish both among European and native community, that the liberality displayed by the British Government, and the Nizamut, should be met by a corresponding feeling of satisfaction, and good will. Last night, the entertainment to the European Gentlemen took place, and concluded the principal festivities of the occasion. I am assured, both by English and natives, that the illuminations, fireworks &ca. have not only been unequalled at Moorshedabad, but that they have been wholly unrivalled at Lucknow, where the expenditure, twenty fold exceeded that incurred here. The part of the ceremonial more exclusively native, has, I am informed, afforded equal gratification ; and, as far as can be at present ascertained, the expense has not exceeded the sum allowed.

3rd. In continuation of my letter of yesterday's date, I have the honor to transmit a copy and translation of the proceedings of the Court of Circuit, held before Mr. Oakeley and myself, in the case of the summons of the women of the household of Fuzul Ally Khan.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 28th February 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Governor General.

Enclosure

Proceedings of the Moorshedabad Provincial Court dated 27th February 1826 held before H. Oakeley Esqr. and the Honorable W. L. Melville Officiating Judges.

The Acting Magistrate's proceedings called for on the 24th of February, with his Roobukaree of the 25th February, came under consideration. From these it appears that the Acting Magistrate ordered the Darogha of Shahnuggur to seize and send to him the female attendants of Fuzul Ally Khan's house and also his sons. But from the proceedings it does not appear on what account he required their presence and ordered the Darogah to seize them. It also does not appear if they were called for as criminals or witnesses. By Sect. 3 Reg. 9 1807 it is proper to insert the name of the offender and the crime with which he is charged in a warrant for the apprehension of any person, but it does not appear that any existing Regulation authorises the seizure of the women of a respectable person's house without the existence of any reason for doing so and this Court is of opinion that without the most urgent cause the women attendants of such a person ought not to be summoned—Applying these considerations to this case, it appears from the inquest and other papers that Nou Buhar girl was of unsound mind and herself applied the knife to her throat, and her hand was burned by boiling water in cooking and there is not the slightest shadow of a reason to suppose that the women of the house or any other person had any share in occasioning her death or that there is any claim whatever on any person on that account. Summoning the said Khan and his sons and the women of his household is not conformable with justice and the order of the Acting Magistrate to that effect is proper to be reversed. It is therefore ordered that the Acting Magistrate's order of the 18th February be reversed and that the necessary orders be issued accordingly.

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A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I request the favor of your laying before Government the annexed copy of a letter this moment received from the Acting Magistrate.

I regret much that I addressed Mr. Russell in a private shape in the first instance and assuredly he shall never again have to complain of my falling into such an error. It is quite impossible however that either he or I could have regarded the communication I made him as private —in anything but form. Except in my capacity of Governor General's Agent I could have no desire or pretension to address him on the subject and the form was adopted partly to save time and partly because in the office I have the honor to fill I would with any other Gentleman than Mr. Russell rather avoid the appearance of a formal claim inseparable from a public letter in the little requests I often have to make on the part of the Nizamut. The Government cannot be ignorant of the time saved and the quantity of business transacted in this demi official shape but I believe this is the first time in which such communications have been considered to be separable from the public situation of the writer of them.

Mr. Russell seems to have misunderstood the 2nd para. of my letter. I merely suggested that Fuzul Ally Khan's attendants had better have been summoned through me together with the Father and sons.

Mr. Russell states that there was no order to seize any one and that only the witnesses before the Mohrir were sent for, and refers for proof of these assertions to the Perwanch. In it I find that the Mohrir of the Tannah after having laid hands on (Dustyab Numoodah) the female attendants of the house of Fuzul Ally Khan (there is no reference to there having been witnesses) is directed to send them to the Magistrate. If even only the witnesses were summoned, however, because they gave evidence within their master's house, it surely does not follow that they could go to the Magistrate's Cutcherry.

The statements made in the 6th para. of Mr. Russell's letter would appear to prove the little necessity there was for offending Fuzul Ally and his son by summoning all their women. These two suspected persons give notice at the Tannah of the occurrence and permit and request the presence of the Darogah to make his enquiries. In my capacity of Agent I would encourage them by every means in my power to submit to such an investigation as I would assist in serving any regular and legal warrant. But, if that warrant be manifestly of the illegal and offensive description, which in my opinion belongs to this one, I conceive precisely one of the cases arises where it is the bounden duty of the protector of this Family to interfere.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 1st March 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Governor General.

[1106]

Captain MacLeod,
Superintendent Nizamut Buildings, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit a copy of a letter addressed by me to the Persian Secretary to Government under date the 2nd Ultimo on the occasion of transmitting your letter of the 24th January last together with a copy of the orders of Government thereupon.

Under these instructions I request the favor of your immediately beginning the construction of the proposed houses drains & enclosure walls.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 13th March 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1103

Captain MacLeod,
Superintendent Nizamut Buildings, Moorshedabad.

Sir, I have the honor to transmit for your information and guidance a copy of a letter addressed by me to Government under date the 21st Ultimo, (torn) Government thereupon.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 13th March 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1104]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a Copy of my proceedings of the 10th Inst. together with the papers therein referred to for your information.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th March 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. Genl.

[1105]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill amounting to Rupees 3,694-10-8 with receipts in Duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 15 March 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1106]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a Copy of my proceedings of the 14th Instant for your information.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 18 March 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. G.

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a Copy of my proceedings of this days date for your information.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 18 March 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1108]

J. Pattle
W. Money } Esquires,
Members to the Board of Revenue, Fort William.

Gentlemen,—I presume that the orders of Government in the Persian Department dated the 16th September last, regarding the mode of managing the Nizamut Nowarah Muhals for the ensuing five years have been communicated to you.

(Torn) officers have been duly (torn) requisition from the Collector of Dacca [for] delivering over charge of the Muhals in question to him together with any documents which he may call for.

3rd. I have the honor to transmit two Juma Wausil Baukees of the Muhals which exhibit the following results.

Juma of Muhals	Rs.	4,990- 0- 0
Chandeneh		99- 0- 0
Amount to be collected from persons holding lands but not rendering personal Service . . .		930- 0- 0
	Rs.	6,019- 0- 0
Amount Collections		1,995- 0- 0
Balance		4,024- 0- 0

The whole (nominal) balance standing against the Muhals to 1230 is Rs. 61,995 & for the year 1232 (torn) remittances have been made to the Nizamut treasury of course a very large proportion of these arrears [is] entirely irrecoverable but I should hope that the Collector may be able to realize something.

4th. I beg farther to transmit a Statement of persons rendering personal service who may be in part exempted from paying revenue in the manner pointed out. The mode is the same with that followed in Tipperah which has not been found inconvenient. Another statement of persons not entitled to exemptions is also transmitted.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 31st March 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Governor General.

Enclosure No. 1.

Statement exhibiting (torn) of persons holding Jageers and enjoying the revenues thereof [in lieu] of wages for rendering personal service to the Nizamut

Names of persons holding Jageers	Purgunnahs in which the Jageers are situated	Juma or revenue derived from each Jageer	Total	Remarks
Carpenter (torn) Ram (torn) and others	Purgunnah Jellalpore		488- 0- 0- 0	These persons hold their land in lieu of wages for the personal Service they render—They will at the end of each year be furnished with Hathchittas or certificates of the service they have performed in order that a proportionate deduction may be made from their revenue
Brick layers (torn) Shunkur and (torn) 23 persons	Ph. Jellaulpore	984- 0- 0- 0		
	Tellyhauty	191-15- 7- 0		
	Huzrutpore	32-13-19- 2	1,208-13- 6- 2	
Goldsmith and (torn) others 4 persons	Ph. Chunderdeep		77- 1- 0- 0	
(torn) Jumadar	Ph. Bungroona		24- 0- 0- 0	
(torn) Khan	,, Muhmoodabad		24- 0- 0- 0	
(torn) Cullum servants (torn) Mohurrur	Talook of Gungaye Shennah	5-10-19- 2		
	Do. Radhamadhub Doss	2- 5- 0- 0		
	Do. Sheshtanuggur	6- 0- 0- 0	13-15-19- 2	
(torn) Lusker	Ph. Hausnah	94- 0- 0- 0		
	,, Bikrumpore	102- 6- 4- 3	196- 6- 4- 3	
		Sa Rs.	2,032- 4-10- 3	

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
(torn) March 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

Enclosure No. 2.

Statement exhibiting the Names of persons holding (torn) render no personal service to the Nizamut

Names of persons holding Jageers	Purgunnah in which the Jageers are situated	Jumma of each Jageer	Total	Remarks
Blacksmith Jynarain and Cunjadhur Culsaujand others	Tuppakutrabro Do. Muhessurdy Ph. Bickrumpore	287- 9-11- 3 63-15- 4- 0 52- 7-16- 3	404- 0-12- 2	These persons render no personal service and the revenue of the lands they hold will be collected and brought to account
15 persons				
Soobuksauzes Lolljew and Berjloll others 10 persons	Talook Ramsunker Sain		190- 0- 0- 0	
Ahelcullurn Servants Roodur Ram and Bhuvany Loll Mohullanouvees 2 persons	In Ph. Mukimabad ,, Do. Sheastanuggur ,, Do. Ichangurnuggur ,, Do. Bikrumpore	108-14- 7- 0 78- 0- 0- 0 25-10-12- 1 3- 0- 0- 0	216- 1-12- 1	
Gopaul Narain Tuhshuldar	,, Do. Mukimabad		120- 0- 0- 0	
		Sa. Rs.	930- 3- 4- 3	

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 31st March 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1109]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose for the consideration and orders of Government, a copy of a letter to my address from the Nuwaub Shumsheer Jung, a son-in-law of Mubaruk-oodowlah, a great Uncle of the reigning Nazim, and Father of the Ameer ool Nissa Begum.

2nd. After noticing the uncertainty of life, and that his age exceeds fifty years, which period he has passed in happiness, through the kindness of the Honorable Company, the Nuwaub proceeds to observe, that he has a strong desire to perform a pilgrimage to Mecca Medina and the tombs of the Imams near Baghdad, and he hopes that, through the assistance of the Right Honorable the Governor General, some of the members of his Family and himself may be enabled to perform this act of religious duty. He accordingly solicits leave of absence from Moorshedabad, for a period of five years.

3rd. The assistance he requires is either that he may receive his stipend in advance for the above period, or that after deducting the proper allowances for his family here, the balance may be regularly remitted to him through the Company's Agent at Baghdad.

4th. I have pointed out to the Nuwaub the inconveniences he must sustain during so long a journey but he seems fully bent on performing it, and not disposed, voluntarily, to relinquish the idea.

5th. Under these circumstances, I perceive no particular objection to a compliance with his application, and beg leave, accordingly, to recommend, that Government sanction his absence for so long a period, as he may find necessary for the purpose in question.

6th. It seems more advantageous both for Government and for the Nuwaub, that the part of his stipend which he may require for his personal expences should be occasionally remitted to him, than that the whole should at once be paid to him here, in advance, I cannot, however, trace any precedent for such an arrangement; and being ignorant how far the proposal of the Nuwaub can be conveniently complied with, I can only submit it for the orders of Government.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 8th April 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Governor General.

[1110]

Captain MacLeod,
Superintendent of Nezamut Buildings,
Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In reply to your letter of this date I have the honor to transmit countersigned receipts in duplicate for Rs. ten thousand (Rs 10,000) on account of Nezamut Buildings.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 9th April 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1111]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill amounting to Rupees 3,694-10-8 with receipts in Duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 15th April 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1112]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose my receipts in duplicate for Rs. 20,000 and having urgent occasion for money in the Nizamut I should be obliged if you could let me have this sum on account.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 22nd April 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1113]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a Copy of my Proceedings of the 24th Instant together with the papers therein referred to for your information.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 25th April 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1114]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I request the favor of your submitting to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, the enclosed copy of a letter from Lieutt. Colonel Parlby, under date the 19th Decr. last, together with the original accounts, verified on oath, which accompanied it, regarding the erection of certain buildings in the Nizamut.

2d. I am, of course, personally, unacquainted with the circumstances referred to ; but, I am informed that the charges for the work performed under Coll. Parlby's superintendence are extremely moderate. On this point, however, it would appear, from Mr. Swinton's letter of the 3d February 1819, that Government proposed to refer to the Military Board.

3d. The buildings were reported on by the Committee nominated for the purpose (Mr. Loch & Captain Shuldham the Barrackmaster) on the 1st July 1824, when those Gentlemen stated "that more substantial & excellent work could not have been executed ;" & from your reply of the 2d August following, it appears, that Government considered the report very satisfactory & creditable to the Lieutt. Colonel.

4th. I have recently enquired regarding these buildings both from the Begum & from Captain MacLeod, who had an opportunity of observing them while preparing his plan of the Killah, & Government will be gratified to learn, that they continue to afford the fullest satisfaction to their inmates, while the Superintendent of Buildings entirely concurs in the favorable testimony borne to the excellence of the work by the Committee.

5th. Under these circumstances, & if the rates prove to be as moderate as I believe they are, I can have no hesitation in recommending that the remaining balance of Rs. 7,792-12 may be immediately paid to Colonel Parlby, from the Deposit Fund.

6th. Regarding his personal allowances, it appears, that the Lieutt. Coll. was first employed in making measurements & preparing plans in April 1817. The work would appear to have been a laborious one from the correspondence a copy of which was forwarded to Government by Mr. Monckton, on the 28th Oct. of that year. The estimates founded thereon continued under discussion till the 1st March 1819, or a period of two years, when Coll. Parlby's regular allowances commenced, under orders of Government of the 10th December 1819. Had any other individual been specially appointed to the work, he would, I conceive, have been entitled to his full allowances, Rs. 400 per mensem, from the moment of his commencing his measurements ; & I conceive therefore, that the Lieutt. Coll. is entitled to liberal consideration on this account also. Colonel Parlby has farther a claim for his services as Superintendent from the 1st of April 1822, when he ceased to draw his allowances, under the circumstances stated in his letter, until the month of June 1824, when the work was finally completed ; and, under the whole circumstances of the case, I beg leave, respectfully, to recommend, that he receive his full allowances (Sa. Rs. 400 per mensem) as originally fixed under orders of Government of the 10th December 1819, during that period, & that I may charge this amount also, Rs. 10,400, to the Deposit Fund.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 25th April 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Governor General.

[1115]

Capt. Lamb,
Barrack Master, Barhampore.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 20th of December last, I beg leave to inform you that I have no occasion for the house at Afzul Bagh referred to by you.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 27th Apl. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1116]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit a letter from Capt. McLeod of this date.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 27th April 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. Genl.

[1117]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I request the favor of your submitting to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, the enclosed copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Buildings under date the 25th instant, and it's original enclosure, together with the plan which accompanied it. I beg also to transmit a copy of another letter, under date the 25th Ulto.

2. With reference to both these communications I beg leave to observe, that the sum, which appears to have been appropriated, by Mr. Loch, for Muhul Serais, is stated at Rs. 60,000—but the projected arrangements of Captain McLeod would appear to involve an Expenditure of about double that amount.

3. I am not at all aware, however, on what information Mr. Loch framed this part of his plan, & I think he must have proceeded on a rough estimate, which is always little trustworthy in complicated buildings, & which the more detailed and scientific investigation of Captain MacLeod, has shewn to be erroneous. That the late Agent felt not less strongly than I do the indispensable necessity of erecting a new Muhal Serai for the Bhow Begum is sufficiently manifest from the 12th paragraph of his letter to your address of the 13th July 1824, and when he made his report, he had not, I think, had an opportunity of examining the apartments of the Nuwaubs mother, which however have proved to be in a still worse state, if possible, than those of the Bhow Begum.

4. It is also to be considered that Captain MacLeod's plan includes, among works of obvious utility and advantage, the complete draining and enclosing of the Killah, the necessity for which does not seem in the then stage of the affair, to have occurred to Mr. Loch.

5. Indeed, I cannot imagine any more legitimate mode of appropriating the deposit fund, than by providing comfortable accommodation for the numerous members of the family.

6. Mr. Loch recommended the reconstruction of the building known by the name of the Ayneh Muhal, & set apart Rs. 30,000 for the purpose. I observe that Captain MacLeod also alludes to the wishes of the Family in this particular. The point has been repeatedly mentioned to me by His Highness, and others, but it has always appeared to me that ample provision has been made in the new Palace for Public rooms and for state purposes and that these solicitations have solely originated in inability to understand the plans for that edifice. Many objects occur to me as far more desirable than adding to the very splendid suite of entertaining apartments, of which the design will shortly be before Government.

7. This sum, I would, therefore, propose to appropriate, where it is really wanted, to the Muhul Serais. A farther sum will accrue for interest during the two years in which the want of funds & other circumstances have suspended the proposed disbursements.

8. I beg leave, therefore, strongly to recommend, that Captain MacLeod's Plan be adopted, and be forthwith fully carried into effect. It seems to me extremely judicious, and the buildings are well adopted to the purposes for which they are designed.

9th. The remuneration to Mr. Marley proposed in the 2nd paragraph of Captain MacLeod's letter of the 25th Ultimo, is, I think, fully merited; and was, I suppose, intended to be acceded to, in the approbation generally given to what was proposed in your letter of the 3rd Ultimo. I beg leave to notice also the correction of the former account now submitted by Captain MacLeod.

10. I will take an opportunity of conversing with Her Highness the Doolin Begum regarding the piece of ground referred to in the 3rd & 4th paragraphs of Captain MacLeod's letter, and trust I may be able to induce her to relinquish it, if she cannot shew any useful purpose to which she can appropriate it. Should it hereafter become necessary, I will have the honor of again addressing you on the subject.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 29th April 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. Genl.

[1118]

G. J. Taylor Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I will thank you to inform me if you expect at an Early period a supply of cash which will enable you to pay the arrears of the Nizamut Stipends or any portion of them.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 29th April 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1119]

A. Ogilvie Esqr.,
Collector of Zillah Nuddea.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose a Copy of my proceedings of this date for your information.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 2nd May 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1120]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have hitherto refrained from making any Report on the College founded in the Nizamut under the orders of Government of the 27th May last because it did not appear necessary to trouble His Lordship in Council with any of the petty difficulties which naturally arose in the commencement of such an institution. The outline of the intention of Government had been duly communicated to me, and I conceived that the details would be better arranged here provided they were conformable with the general spirit of my instructions.

2. In communication therefore with yourself and the Secretary of the Calcutta Mudursa the Head Moulvy and the other principal officers of the College were selected from the metropolitan institution. One exception alone occurred—With reference to the religious tenets of the Nazim's family it seemed advisable that one of the Moulvy's should be of the Sheah sect, and a respectable persons of that persuasion Moulvy Musurut Ally having been recommended to me by the Nuwaub Munglee he was accordingly nominated a Moulvy and is at present at the Head of the School. He is I understand inferior in learning to the teachers from the Calcutta College but I need scarcely remark that it is not easy here to procure persons of the Sheah Sect who are eminent scholars and he is quite equal I am persuaded to the performance of the duty which has been assigned to him.

3rd. From various causes some delay occurred in selecting the students. I was first desirous to ascertain how many of the family or dependants of the Nizamut wished to avail themselves of the advantages offered to them and finding the Number smaller than I expected I still refrained from filling up the Establishment in hopes that the methods of encouragement which I adopted might be attended with some success. Finding the Number of students continued very small however I filled up the Number to fifty of whom six attend the College and forty four the School.

4. I am still anxious to suspend for a short period reporting in detail the measures which have been adopted and the rules which I would propose for the management of the Institution I have already seen reason to desire a little experience on the subject before obtaining the final sanction of Government to our arrangements and after our first examination which it is proposed shall take place in the ensuing month (after the termination of the present fast) I hope to be better prepared to offer the necessary suggestions for the consideration of Government.

5. My principal object at present is to solicit the sanction of Government to my receiving from the deposit fund through the Collector the sum of Rs. 4,918-5 As.-15 Gs. hitherto expended in salaries &ca. and that he be authorised in future to pay to my receipts a sum not exceeding Rs. 1,500 per mensem on account of the institution. Detailed accounts of the disbursements will of course be furnished hereafter.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 2nd May 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. Genl.

[1121]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit the report of Mufty Moiz Preceptor to His Highness on his conduct during the past month (Shaban).

2. From this return it appears that His Highness read more or less on 11 days was idle on 10 days (writing however a little on 3 of them) and that 9 were holydays. Although the result is not altogether such as could be desired yet perhaps it is as favorable as can reasonably be expected.

3. His general conduct has not been in any respect materially or conspicuously improper but I fear no great progress has been made in imparting steadiness or respectability to his character.

4. In consequence of his marriage in the preceding month no report seemed to be required.

5. It appearing desirable that he should learn the value of money and reasonable that he should have some at command and also with a view to obviate complaints, I propose to allow him a certain sum for pocket money from the Kulumadan Khaneh. With reference to the extent of claims on that fund I have been desirous to fix the amount at Rs. 1,000 per mensem but it seems this is considered too little.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 2nd May 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. Genl.

[1122]

S. P. Stacey Esqr.,
Attorney at Law, Calcutta.

Sir,—I have directed the bearer Rae Girdharee Lol Wokeel of His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim of Bengal to wait upon you to explain the particulars of a case connected with the rights of His Highness on which it seems necessary to take some legal measures.

2. I enclose a mem. in explanatory of the case and shall be obliged to you to inform me what you consider to be the proper course to pursue.

3. I shall eventually have occasion to apply to you on some other business connected with the property of His Highness situated within the limits of (torn).—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 2d May 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

Enclosure

Memorandum.

On the 20th of Cartick 1206 Bengal era (about A. D. 1800) His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim Dileer Jung granted under a writing four biswas of land on the bank of the river in the City of Calcutta to Kanoo Doss Byragee for charity & to enable him to prepare a temple to Jagannath. Kanoo Doss is dead and his disciples have mortgaged the land. The mortgagees have applied to the Supreme Court to four close the mortgage and have obtained an order for the sale of the land a grant of this description is understood not to be alienable by the custom of the country and can only be proposed to be sold with the view of diverting it from the purpose for which it was granted. It is desired on the part of the Nuwaub to know how the sale is to be prevented and the property if possible resumed by His Highness.

[1123]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose three letters from His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim, two to the address of the Right Honorable the Governor General and one to yourself.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 15th May 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. General.

[1124]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Noorjehan Begum the wife of the late Nuwaub Buhram Jung having appointed Meer Imdaud Ally to be her Agent, I request the favor of your paying such attention to the applications of that person as they may appear entitled to.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 18th May 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1125]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a letter from Nujeeb Ool Nissa Begum the mother of the Reigning Nazim to the address of the Right Honorable the Governor General.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 20th May 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. Genl.

[1126]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

I beg to enclose my receipt in duplicate for Rupees 5,000 together with a Copy of the orders of Government of the 24th February last and request that you will be pleased to pay the amount to the Mokhtear of Rooheemoolnissa Begum.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 20th May 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1127]

L. Magniac Esquire,
Collector of Dacca.

Sir,—On the 15th April last, I had the honor to transmit to the Board of Revenue a letter and statements regarding the Nowareh Muhals belonging to His Highness the Nawab of Moorshedabad in your district.

2nd. It is probable that copies of these communications have ere this time been forwarded to you but to prevent any farther difficulty I have the honor to enclose orders to the Agents of His Highness to consider you in charge of the Muhals and to furnish you with all papers &ca. which you may require.

3rd. Should any farther papers be required from hence I shall have much pleasure in paying the promptest attention to any application from you on the subject. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 20th May 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1128]

Captain MacLeod,
Superintendent of Nizamut Buildings.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit a Copy of a letter which I have this day received from the Persian Secretary to Government.

2nd. You will perceive that His Lordship in Council wishes the buildings referred to, to be commenced without delay.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 20th May 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Governor General.

[1129]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill amounting to Rupees 3,694-10-8 with receipts in Duplicate for

the Amount, which the bearer will receive for.-have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 23rd May 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1130]

Captain D. MacLeod,
Superintendent Nezamut Buildings.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit a Copy of a letter from the Persian Secretary to Government to my address under date the 12th Instant.

2nd. Concurring as I do (torn) Palace I beg leave to suggest that the requisite sections, estimates, &ca. be forthwith commenced.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 24th May 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1131]

S. P. Stacey Esquire,
Attorney at Law, Calcutta.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 17th Instant, it has appeared to me more expedient to Purchase the mortgage on the land in question for Rupees 2,000, and to take Possession of it, on the Part of the Nuwab Nazim.

2nd. I have instructed His Highness's Wakeel accordingly ; and should any doubt, or difficulty, arise regarding any legal question, he will apply to you for instructions.

3rd. It is my wish, that the land should for the present, remain in the possession of His Highness's servants, and that it should not be used for religious or for any other purpose, whatever.

4th. It is probable, that it will be eventually sold.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 24th May 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1132]

J. V. Biscoe Esqr.,
Collector of Purneah.

Sir,—The Nuwaub Daood Ally Khan and the Omdutoolnissa Begum connections of His Highness the Nuwab Nazim being desirous to hold separately their respective shares in Turruf Bikhar Turush Bunna Pergunnah Kaukjol and Turuf Sheikpooreh Pergunnah Mukrain in your district I have suggested that they should apply to you in the usual manner and on their doing so I should be obliged by your affording such facilities to the division as you can do with propriety.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 27th May 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. Genl.

[1133]

H. Wood Esquire,
Accountant General, Fort William.

Sir,—A letter from the Collector here dated the 25 informed me that remittances amounting to Rs. 6,59,716 were ordered to this place from Rungpore & Purneah & having learned that an escort had been directed to proceed from Rungpore & might be expected here about the 20th Instant I trusted that the large arrear now due to the Nizamut might be discharged by that date.

2d. By a private letter received Yesterday however I am informed that the Collector of Rungpore has intimated that he will not at present require the treasure party & I am therefore apprehensive that a farther delay may arise in discharging the stipends. The arrears now due amount to 4,65,333 Rs.

3d. In a letter to Government dated the 25th April which has I believe been communicated to you, I took occasion to point out the extreme misery & inconvenience proceed by [*sic*] these delays. Besides all this the usual period has now arrived for making preparations for celebrating the Mohurrum & any omission in this respect would be considered as trifling with a ceremonial which has ever been treated with respect by the Government which is viewed among the natives as an occasion of much solemnity. We could not withhold the requisite funds without incurring very great discredit & shewing a disregard to the feelings of the Nizamut which has always been anxiously avoided.

4th. The small sums which could be borrowed are exhausted even a trifling loan from my private funds has been eagerly grasped at. Allow me therefore earnestly to entreat that measures be immediately taken to relieve the pressure of extreme want which is at present experienced.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 2d June 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1134]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—With reference to the Acting Agent's letters to the Acting Collector under date the 25th and 30th May 1821 and to the letter of the latter officer of the 29th of that month, I request that you will do me the favour to inform me what payments have been made from your office on account of the Nuwab Abool Hussien from the 1st of June 1821 up to the present date.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 3rd June 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1135]

Captn. Cooke,
Major Brigade, Berhampore.

Sir,—I beg to return the Persons sent to me with your letter of this date.

I conceive some mistake must have occurred as they do not appear to be persons over whom I have any authority or controul whatever.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 7th June 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Governor General.

[1136]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a Copy of my proceedings of the 4th Instt. together with the papers therein referred to for your information.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 11 June 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1137]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a Copy of my proceedings of the 10th Instt. for your information.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 20 June 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1138]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—With reference to the 5th Paragraph of your letter of the 24th Feby. last I have the honor to transmit Capt. McLeod's affidavit from the 1st of Novr. subsequent to which he commenced work to the 30th of April duly attested.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 20th June 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. Gl.

[1139]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill amounting to Rupees 3,694-10-8 with receipts in Duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 20 June 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1140]

The Collector of the Toll on the Bhagerutty River.

Sir,—Please to pass a boat containing mangoes for His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim.—I am etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 20th June 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1141]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have now the honor to submit for the consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council the rules I would propose to establish for the Government of the Nizamut College.

2. They are to a considerable extent drawn from those of the Calcutta institution, but the additions omissions and alterations are considerable and I have not hesitated to make them where it appeared desirable.

3. I am not aware that they require any particular observations from me. It will be observed that the exact sum required for the College cannot be fixed but under the plan proposed will vary as the different classes are filled perhaps the most expedient plan will be to fix an exact income rather more than is required and to allow of the accumulation of the little surplus for the purchase of books and other purposes connected with the institution.

4. I beg leave to state that on Thursday the 8th & Thursday the 15th Instants the first half yearly examination of the students was held before the Nuwaub Munglee and myself accompanied by Mufty Moiz and a number of other respectable persons of the City. The progress made by the students* appeared to be very respectable considering the short time which had elapsed from the opening of the institution. The oral examinations evinced that they had mastered what they had read and the attendance generally had been regular. With two exceptions however** I regret to say that the immediate relations of His Highness are very idle & inattentive. Every effort shall be made however to correct this and if we cannot succeed with those who have arrived at maturity, we may hope better things from those with whom we begin in early life.

*Sahibzadehs Akroobah Others not immediately connected with the Nizamut.	48
Total Students	61

**The son of the late Nuwaub Zyneool Abdeen & a son of the late Nuwaub Diljaun.

5. The Head Moulvy Fuzul ool Ruhman seems admirably calculated for his situation & the other teachers have also acquitted themselves entirely to my satisfaction. The urgent manner in which the advantages of the institution are now sought by respectable persons of the City & neighbourhood is perhaps the best proof I can adduce of the character it is acquiring & I feel persuaded

that it will not disappoint the liberal views which led to it's foundation.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 30th June 1826. *Agent to the Govr. Genl.*

Enclosure

The general Superintendence and controul of the Nizamut College and School established at Moorshedabad shall be vested in the Agent to the Governor General—The Governor General in Council will however exercise his discretion in associating any other Public Servant, or Private individuals with that Officer in Superintending the affairs of the College.

2. It shall be the duty of the Agent to the Governor General in his capacity of Superintendent of the College to correspond with the Committee of Public Instruction & with the Calcutta Mudrissa Committee on subjects connected with the College whenever it may appear expedient to do so. He will submit any alterations which may appear to be necessary in the rules, or a report of any circumstance materially affecting the Institution for the consideration and orders of the Governor General in Council.

3. It shall farther be the duty of the Agent to the Governor General to see that the Head Moulvy and the under Teachers duly discharge their trusts that the Annual expences do not exceed the sum devoted by Government, from the Nizamut Deposit Fund for it's support, and that the rules of the College are observed.

4. The Head Moulvy of the College shall be appointed by the Governor General in Council and shall not be removed but by his express direction and upon proof of incapacity and misconduct.

5. The under Masters officers and students shall receive their nomination from the Agent and shall be removable by him upon proof of incapacity and misconduct.

6. The servants attached to the College shall be appointed and removed by the Head Moulvy.

7. The Head Moulvy shall obey all orders which he may receive from the Agent respecting the Government of the College—It shall all be his duty to superintend the conduct of the under Masters to see that the Students are duly instructed in the several branches of learning and that they conform to the Rules of the College to keep a daily journal of the studies pursued and of any transactions meriting notice to report particularly regarding the conduct of each student to the Agent to suggest to the Agent such Rules as may appear proper for the better Government of the College and generally to be the medium of communicating with the Agent on all subjects connected with the Institution.

8. The under Masters and officers of the College and School in all matters relating to the College are enjoined to pay implicit obedience to the orders of the Head Moulvy—Any disregard of this rule will render the offender liable to dismissal.

9. Boys shall in future be admitted into the school at 8 years of age they shall not be allowed to remain in the school more than five years. Those who have distinguished themselves in the school shall have a preferable claim for admission into the College. Students shall not be allowed to remain in the College above seven years or in ordinary cases to enter the institution after they have attained the age of 20 years. The Agent may however for special reasons to be recorded by him in each case dispense with the observance of this rule.

10. The Head Moulvy shall punish such students as may neglect their studies or act contrary to the Rules of the College by degrading them to a lower class or by stopping part of their salary or such other mode as may be customary. Such cases shall be reported to the Agent who will direct the deduction to be made where that mode of punishment is adopted.

11. The masters students and officers shall not absent themselves from the College except during the prescribed holidays under penalty of removal or expulsion. If leave is absolutely necessary at any other period application must be made through the Head Moulvy to the Agent who will issue the necessary orders. In cases where illness is pleaded the Head Moulvy will be careful to satisfy himself through the medical officer or otherwise of it's reality and any attempt at misrepresentation on this point shall be immediately reported to the Agent.

12. The Head Moulvy shall divide the students in the College into three classes and those in the school into three classes. They shall be advanced from the lower to the upper classes according to the progress they respectively make in their studies.

13. The students shall attend the classes from 8 to 11 (English time) in the forenoon and from 1 to 4 in the afternoon. The Head Moulvy will determine how their time shall be employed during the hours of attendance. He shall prevent all dissipation and improper conduct at other hours.

14. Friday shall be set apart for religious purposes and the reader of the Koran and crier shall daily attend at the Mudrissa.

15. The holidays shall be as follows:—

	Days
Mohurrim	15
The last Wednesday in Suffur	1
7th of Rubbool Awul	1
12th Do. Do.	1
14 & 15th Shaban	2
Ramzaun	30
Shuwal (Eed)	2
Zilhij	5

16. There shall be two examinations in the year one in the month of June before the Agent and one in the month of December at which His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim will be solicited to preside and to distribute prizes.

The following shall be the establishment of officers and servants and the salaries allowed to them.

College		Rs.
1 Muddurris		200
2 Naib at 100/- each		200
2 Do. at 50/- each		100
1 Attaleek		30
1 Khooshnuvees		40
1 Do.		30
1 Tubeeb		40
1 Eunaume		30
1 Mouzzin		15
1 Darogah		25
4 Durwans at 4/- each		16
4 Hurkaras 4/- each		16
2 Furash at 4/- each		8
2 Dufturee at 6/- each		12
3 Bheestys 4/- each		12
2 Gardeners at 4/- each		8
2 Barbers at 4/- each		8
2 Washermen at 5/- each		10
4 Sweepers at 4/- each		16
Pen, ink, paper &ca.		30
Oil		15
N.B.—This is the Present establishment	7* College students at 10/- each	70
	43* School Do. at 6/- each	258
		1,189

	College Rs.	*School* Rs.
*Students in the first class shall receive	15	
Second Do. Do.	12	7
Third Do. Do.	10	6

The above rates do not relate to students Connected with the Nizamut regarding whom special provision will be made by the Agent.

17. The salaries and other expences shall be payable by the Collector of Moorshedabad on the receipt of the Head Moulvy countersigned by the Agent.

W. L. Melville,
the 30th June 1826. *A. G. G.*

[1142]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I request the favor of your submitting for the consideration & orders of Government the accompanying plan (No. 2) of the buildings proposed to be erected by Captain MacLeod at the North end of the Killah together with the estimates and a letter transmitted by that officer.

2. These buildings it will be observed are chiefly devoted to affording accommodation to His Highness's mother and the Begum to whom he was recently married. They seem well adopted to the purpose for which they are designed and I beg leave to recommend that they be sanctioned should any circumstance occur to divert them from their present purpose. They will always be available too for the accommodation of branches of the family.

3. Adverting to the extent of work contemplated here & to the difficulty experienced in procuring persons to pound soorkee it appears to me advisable that Captain MacLeod should employ the Agency of steam in procuring a sufficient & regular supply of that indispensable article. I understand that the advantage of this mode of manufacture has been amply proved in the new Mint in Calcutta. Should the plan appear advisable & the engine used in the Pluto be no longer required for public purposes I trust that His Lordship in Council will be pleased to sanction it's being made over to the Nizamut. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 1st July 1826. *Agent to the Govr. Genl.*

1143 |

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Although there seems to be no doubt of being customary and the intention of Government that Articles for the actual consumption of their Highness's the Nuwaub Nazim and of the Ameerool Nissa Begum should generally pass free from Government Customs & town duties yet I am unable to trace any specific order on the subject and some difficulties have arisen in consequence—I request therefore the favor of your soliciting the sanction of Government to the exemption.

2. To prevent abuse if any doubt should arise regarding any article a certificate from the Agent may perhaps be the most suitable means of determining whether it shall or shall not be subject to duty.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 4th July 1826. *Agent to the Govr. Genl.*

1144

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—It is with much reluctance that I intrude upon Government with the accompanying letter from Her Highness the Ameerool Nissa Begum to the address of the Right Honorable the Governor General on the subject of the allowances to Roz Afzan Khan & to certain servants of the Bubboo Begum.

2. The orders of Government on these points were communicated in your letter of the 30th of December last—A discretion was left to me to transfer the payments from Her Highness to the Behla department an alternative I found myself compelled to have recourse

to. Just as I had issued the necessary orders however the marriage of Her Highness's adopted daughter occurred & there were so many demands upon her for money that I postponed realising the amount until last month. The order to do so has produced Her present letter.

3. In several conversation Her Highness repeated the former arguments & tho' I always treated the subject as decided & tried to change it she was so very pertinacious that I was obliged to intimate my intention however painful to myself to pay my respects less frequently to Her Highness unless she would avoid it.

4. There appears nothing whatever in the present extended communication calculated to throw the slightest doubt over the justice & expediency of the decision already passed by Government. The statements of Her Highness to Mr. Magnac & myself were fully considered & the reasons why I did not consider her claims entitled to the slightest attention were stated in my letter to your address of the 6th of December last & I trust I may be excused from again entering upon a subject only rendered of any importance by the vehemence & pertinacity of Her Highness I would only repeat that to admit for a moment Her Highness's right to resume of her own authority pensions solemnly sanctioned by Government long before her accession as head of the Deorhees would appear to be alike unjust & oppressive to the Pensioners & subversive of the legitimate authority & long established rights of the British Government in the Nizamut: Placed by the favor of Government at the head of the great establishments of the Munnee the Bubboo & the Walideh Begums it is painful to observe how little disposed Her Highness has shewn herself on this very trifling occasion to promote the convenience of the Family generally or to conform to the expressed desire of His Lordship in Council.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 4th July 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. Genl.

[1145

Maseyk Esqr.

Sir,—With reference to your letters of the 14th September, and 6th February I now beg to inform you that an arrangement has been made under which I request you will be pleased to pay the rent of Pergunnah Furrukkabad to Darabally Khan, Darogah of the Kulumdan Khaneh of His Highness the Nuwab Nazim. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 6th July 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1146]

Major Cust,
His Majestys 59th Regiment, Berhampore.

Sir,—The Nazim of Bengal being unacquainted with the English language has transmitted to me a note of yours under date the 7th Instt. regarding some [China ware] with a request that I would intimate to you that some mistake must have occurred. His Highness states that he never saw any part of the ware or received any application regarding it until your note reached him.

Allow me to avail myself of the opportunity of acquainting you that under the orders of the Governor General in Council all applications which Officers may have occasion to address to His Highness should be forwarded through the Governor Generals Agent.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 13 July 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. Genl.

[1147]

Lieut. Coll. Sale,
Commanding, Berhampore.

Sir,—Having reason to believe that General orders of the Governor General in Council under date the 18th September 1813 cautioning Officers against corresponding with native Princes & Chiefs except through the channel of the Political Agents of Government are little known I should consider myself much obliged by your republishing them at this station.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 15th July 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

Extract from Carrolls Code, Chap. 26 Section 9.
G. O. Govr, Genl. 18th September 1813.

"All Civil & Military Officers of Government are cautioned against carrying on any correspondence with native Princes and Chiefs or their Vakeels, except through the channel of the Political Agents of Government."

[1148]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—In the 8th paragraph of your letter of the 27th May 1825 regarding the disposal of the deposit fund it was intimated that although Government doubted the propriety of authorising advances from the fund for the discharge of the debts of members of the Nizamut yet that His Lordship in Council would be disposed to attend to specific cases when they might be brought before him.

2nd. I have already had occasion to notice to Government the promising character of Meer Mahomed Hussein son of the late Nuwaub Zyne ool Aubdeen and nephew of the Nuwaub Munglee and His Lordship in Council has been pleased as a special mark of favor to continue to him his Father's allowances. It appears that a sum of Rs. 5,000 is required to pay some trifling debts for the expences of a pilgrimage on the part of the deceased Nuwaub the erection of a tomb and some other objects. This sum it is proposed to pay by instalments of Rs. 150 per mensem from the sum reserved for the marriage of the Nuwaub's son and I beg to recommend that it may be granted accordingly.

3rd. Syud Mahomed Mehndee is grand nephew of the Nuwaub Jaffur Ally Khan and in right of his late wife Gohuroolnissa Begum he received an allowance of Rs. 200 per mensem under orders of Government of the 2nd August 1822—As his Father is alive and unable to assist him he received no personal allowance during his wife's life or for a considerable time after her death and incurred a large debt which is since considerably reduced. He is very solicitous to obtain a loan of Rs. 5,000 and offers an instalment of Rs. 150 per mensem which would redeem the principal in about three years in repayment of it. Under the whole circumstances of the case I think such assistance would be well bestowed and beg leave to recommend that it be granted accordingly.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 15th July 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1149]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 29th July last regarding contributions to the public loans by individuals within the sphere of my official cognizance I beg to report that although I made it known that such a mode of employing capital would be considered an acceptable mark of attachment to the British Government, I am unable to discover any contribution excepting one from Rajah Hurrenath of 1,50,000 Rs. the amount required to enable him to obtain 5 per cent on a former subscription of a like sum and one from Koonr Bunwaree Lol the individual referred to in your letter of the 30th December last, He informs me that he subscribed two lacks of Rupees in Calcutta payment here not being convenient at the moment.

2nd. I was never indeed very sanguine in my expectations of any considerable sum being subscribed here to a 5 per cent loan. Moorshedabad no longer possesses it's former wealth. It's site was not in any respect very happily chosen and our new capital not only possessed the advantage over it in becoming the seat of Government but perhaps a still greater one in its suitableness as a depot for the new channel which the commerce of the country was to take. These circumstances combined with its proximity have gradually deprived Moorshedabad of all its active monied men and there only remain the very few who had the wisdom to employ their funds at the proper moment in purchasing land and who still linger about their hereditary homes. These, chiefly the descendants of the active spirits who rose with our Government, no longer have recourse to the old custom of burying money but secure in the enjoyment of their wealth employ it confidently wherever they can do so with advantage. Their funds being more profitably employed they had nothing to invest on the present occasion.

3rd. It may be proper to embrace the present opportunity of bringing more particularly under the notice of Government the situation and characters of some of the principal persons who might naturally have been expected to come forward on such an occasion as subscribers to a large extent.

4th. Government are probably aware that the Seit family have long been declining in wealth and credit—I know not that it would be either useful or practicable to trace particularly the steps of their decline. The chief causes are sufficiently obvious. Deprived of the special advantages which its command of money could always secure from a native Government nothing could support this celebrated house under the change of it's whole system which had become inevitable under our Government but a degree of intelligence and prudence scarcely to be expected in an establishment the Heads of which obtained their situations by Hereditary succession.

5th. Unfortunately it has happened that most of the late generations of the family have died at an early period of life and not one individual has appeared capable to retrieve its credit or invigorate the management of it's affairs. The evils arising from bitter family quarrels, from the inconsiderateness and extravagance of youth and from long minorities have been unchecked and the consequent loss of character has daily been becoming more apparent in the discredit of its paper and the roguery of its Agents.

6th. As a banking House its transactions may be considered as closed and the chief individuals connected with it may be separately adverted to. I trust I shall be pardoned a little detail regarding a Family in the welfare of which the British Government has always shewn a strong interest, and the support of which was indeed of so much importance to us at the period of the foundation of our Indian Empire.

7th. The present Head of the Family (Govind Chunder) Juggut Seth is rather above 15 years of age of a diminutive form and of infirm health. The latter circumstance has interfered with his education, but he seems well disposed and intelligent and there appears a very fair prospect of his possessing a respectable character. His mother is also his guardian and in so far as can be expected from a native Lady is well qualified for the charge but I fear she is not equal to the task of winding up and finally closing the affairs of the House. Her adviser and the manager on her part Dhunnee Ram Dhobey is by some represented as fraudulent and by others as weak. I do not at present feel competent to offer a decided opinion regarding him.

8th. It happens unfortunately that there is not a single member of the Family whose character permits of his being employed in the management of Juggut Seths affairs. His debts I am told by himself and his mother amount to about five lacks of Rupees and he possesses property chiefly in precious stones and to some extent in good debts to a considerable larger amount. His monthly expenditure seems now defrayed by the sale from time to time of portions of his jewels, and his embarrassments were increased not long ago by the roguery of an Agent at Purneah which involved the loss of two lacks of Rupees. The state of his affairs altogether appeared so bad and the difficulty of providing a proper manager so insuperable that I have offered to look into them and to endeavour to introduce some degree of order into them. The offer has been cheerfully accepted and I am engaged in the examination of them. My present impression is that it will be desirable to recover the outstanding debts to sell most of the Jewels, to pay off the debts to invest the surplus funds in Company's paper

and to reduce the family expenditure to the interest accruing therefrom.

9th. All this will however require time especially as jewels are at present much depreciated and in the meantime the heavy demands for interest without any income to meet them are rapidly encroaching on the small remnant of the Seits personal wealth. It has occurred to me that perhaps Government might be not unwilling to assist him with a loan to the extent of his debt on the security of his property until his affairs can be arranged. Of course I have carefully abstained from mentioning to him that I should offer such a proposition for the consideration of Government and indeed with a view of making a composition with his creditors and other objects it would be desirable to conceal the intention should Government be disposed to carry it into effect. I am not however yet fully prepared to recommend the adoption of the measure but mention it in the hope that Government may perhaps be pleased to intimate whether under any circumstances such a proposition could be entertained. The objections to it are obvious but much may also be urged in favor of it.

10th. Whatever may be determined on this point I trust under the whole circumstances I shall not be considered to have outstepped the limits of my duty in engaging in the examination of the Seits affairs. The general result I would propose hereafter to report.

11th. Seit Bishen Chund the uncle of Juggut Seth may be more briefly noticed. His bitter enmity to and the suit he brought against his brother Inder Chund (who wished to avoid such extremities) first shook the credit and exposed the poverty of the bank. About a year ago long after the death of Inder Chund the law suit was at length terminated by an arbitration by mutual consent. The inconceivable folly and extravagance of Bishen Chund have however nearly attained their natural termination and I should suppose his affairs are involved in almost irretrievable ruin. Whatever commiseration he may deserve as a member of the Family there is nothing in his personal history character or manners calculated to excite the feeling.

12th. I may here remark incidently that about a year ago he requested to me to recommend to Government to afford him some relief in consideration of the friendship it had uniformly expressed for his family. This I declined—Even if Government should have been disposed to comply with his request it appeared to me that such assistance would only for a short time longer feed his extravagance without affording him effectual relief or offering any means of checking his misconduct. Whether at any future period it may become proper to afford him assistance in the settlement of his affairs is a question which it does not seem necessary at present to consider. He must first shew himself sensible of the mad impropriety of his conduct and a very decided desire to amend it.

13th. Government are aware of the immense debt due by Seit Dhokul Chund to the Nuwaub Nazim. A Suit for the recovery of it has recently been filed under the new Regulation empowering the Agent to act on such occasions for the Nazim whatever may be the answer of the Seit by his conduct throughout the affair he has forfeited all pretensions to respectability.

14th. Rajah Keerut Chund a relation of the Seit family is the person referred to in Mr. Monckton's letter of the 26th September 1812. His ordinary residence is at Patna and he professes to have come here to recover a large claim he has against the Nazim. As however it refers to a period of about thirty years ago during which period no steps seem to have been taken to arrange it I should suppose it was not entitled to much attention. He has not yet however adopted my suggestion of preferring his Suit in writing.

15th. Rajah Oodwunt Sing is the nephew and heir of that Devy Sing whose atrocities in Purneah during the Government of Mr. Hastings are so well known both among Europeans and natives. The Rajah for a very short interval it may be remembered stood nominated as Dewan of the Nizamut but Aleejah dying the appointment hardly took effect.

16th. I was not without hopes of obtaining a considerable subscription to the loan from Oodwunt Sing. The Seits had fallen to nothing under our Government while his family had risen from nothing to the enjoyment of immense wealth I thought that vanity of which he possesses a large share might induce him to display his devotion to the Government. Finding however that I obtained nothing I employed the intervention of a friend in high office here who had known him for many years to remind him of what he owed to the Government and that the moment was arrived in which he might in some small degree evince his gratitude. He immediately promised to contribute one lack of Rupees to begin with and more afterwards & He actually gave not one farthing.

17th. Unfortunately many of the members of the Nizamut have borrowed money from this man and I have now had many opportunities of becoming acquainted with his rapacity tenaciousness and unreasonableness. I have accordingly been obliged to decline interfering with affairs where he was concerned His character has indeed now become better understood and dealings with him are generally avoided. His conduct on two recent occasions although not immediately connected with the Nizamut or with the Government will I think sufficiently evince how little he is personally respectable or entitled to the countenance of the Government and the instances may perhaps be considered not without interest in themselves.

18th. The affairs of Ranee Jymunee the Representative of the Rajahs of Rajeshahve having fallen into confusion Rajah Oodwunt Sing offered as a friend to advance money for their extrication proposing however as a security that the extensive remaining family states should be mortgaged to him. The Ranee little conversant with business and not understanding his character gratefully accepted the offer. The mortgage not being redeemed within the prescribed term application was made for a foreclosure and the usual notice was served on the Ranee without however it would appear occasioning much alarm or telling her into the real state of the affair. At the expiration of the twelve Month Oodwunt Sing threw off the mask brought an action to obtain possession and has already got decrees for large portions of the Zemindaree. I am informed that he has thus obtained estates worth several lacks of Rupees at about one fifth of their actual value. However blunted the moral feelings of the natives may often be yet the true character of this transaction is not mistaken among them.

19th. His hatred is fortunately somewhat less fatal to the objects of it than his friendship Rajah Hurreenath Rae having some little quarrel with him Oodwunt Sing incited Hurreenath's cousin Sham Baboo to bring an action in the Supreme Court against Hurreenath for a share of the paternal property offering to pay all the expences of the suit. Although he had nothing to offer to the Company he states that he has already expended (in about 18 months) 70 or 80,000 Rs. in this idle quarrel and Rajah Hurreenath has laid out about as much. The parties are too opulent to allow of the litigation being speedily terminated but Oodwunt Sing begins to find I believe that thus wantonly stirring up feuds is rather an expensive mode of gratifying his malice.

20th. Perhaps these circumstances sufficiently illustrate the character of Rajah Oodwunt Sing but other similar particulars might be adduced. On a full consideration of his conduct and reputation I am of opinion that he is not entitled to any sort of attention or consideration from the Government.

21st. Rajah Hurreenath has recently received a distinguished mark of the favor of Government and it does not appear necessary again to enter into particulars regarding his family. He appears sadly destitude of judgement and likely to ruin a very splendid property but I am not aware that any steps can be taken to prevent it as advice seems wholly unavailing.

22nd. There are no other persons who appear to require particular notice and I fear I may be considered to have already too long intruded on the attention of Government.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 15th July 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. Genl.

[1150]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to recommend that a sum of Rs. 2,400 be granted from the deposit Fund for the Marriage of the daughter and two Nieces of Meer Lootf oollah No. 15, 16, & 17 of Statement No. 1 appended to Mr. Loch's report of the 30th August 1824.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 15th July 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1151]

C. Lushington Esqr.,
Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—It is with much concern that I acquaint you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council that Mr. George Richardson Commercial Resident at Rungpore died here yesterday Evening.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 22nd July 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1152]

Captain MacLeod,
Superintendent of Nizamut Buildings, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit for your information a Copy of a letter from the Persian Secretary to Government.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 22nd July 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. Genl.

[1153]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Deputy Postmaster, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—On the 5th Instant a plan enclosed in a bamboo was transmitted from this office addressed to the Secretary to Govt. in the Pers. Dept.

2. From a communication from that officer received yesterday I learn that the plan in question had not reached him and a letter relating to it not admitting of delay was thus necessarily submitted to Government without the requisite illustration. Allow me to request the favor of your immediately causing the necessary enquiries to be made into the cause of the delay and I should be obliged by your acquainting me with the result.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
the 22d July 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1154]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Collector Government Custom & Town Duty,
Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Some difficulties having arisen from my being unable to trace any distinct authority in my office for exempting the Nuwaub Nazim and the Begum at the Head of the Deorhees from the payment of Government Customs and Towns duties and solicited the orders of Government on the subject and have the honor to transmit a Copy of the letter received from the Persian Secretary to Government in reply.

2. I am not aware of any attempt having been made to pass articles not intended to be exempted and should hope that no such attempt will be made in future but should any doubt arise on a reference to me I will cause the necessary enquiry to be made. Should any farther precautions appear to you to be requisite I will thank you to inform me what you would consider advisable.

3. Pending the late reference to Government I suggested that duties should be paid on one or two articles but under the orders now received these in

common with others will of course be exempted.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 22nd July 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1155]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Collector Government Custom & Town Duty,
Moorshedabad.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 24th Ultimo I should apprehend that if all applications for exemption from the payment of Government Customs and Town duties were required to be made through me it might occasion some inconvenience and delay.

2. The former practice I understand to have been that all petty articles were passed under the seal of the proper Officer of the establishment of their Highnesses and that in articles of greater value the Custom House (torn) accompanied the despatch to see that it was duly delivered at the Killah. If doubts arose a reference was made to the Agent.

3. Allow me to hope that you will not perceive any material objection to the future observance of this system. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 25th July 1826.

W. L. Melville
A. G. G.

[1156]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Noorjehan Begum the wife of the late Nuwaub Buhram Jung having appointed Mirza Mahomud Hussun in the room of Meer Imdaud Ally to be her Agent, I request the favor of your paying such attention to the applications of that person as they may appear entitled to.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 25th July 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the G. G.

[1157]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I should be obliged if you would favor me with an answer to my letter of the 3rd Ultimo regarding the stipend of the Nuwaub Abool Hussun at your earliest convenience.

Under the present orders of Government it is no longer necessary to keep any part of the Nuwaubs stipend under attachment and from the month of May I will thank you to pay it with the Nizamut allowance in the usual manner.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
O. A. G. G.,
the 25th July 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1158]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—The Nizamut stipends are now nearly three months in arrears and the occurrence of the Mohurrem and the approach of the Right Honorable the Governor General concur to render it peculiarly desirable that they should be paid up.

2nd. Disappointment appears to have occurred regarding some expected remittances to this treasury, not only however with reference to the peculiar urgency of the present call, but Generally to the wants of the members of the Nizamut and the state of credit in the city it is peculiarly desirable that some plan for the regular discharge of the allowances should be devised.

3rd. I have in the meantime been obliged to borrow a small sum at 12 per cent interest.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 25th July 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1159]

Coll. Sale,
Commanding at Berhampore.

Sir,—His Highness the Nuwab Nazim proposing to visit the cantonments on Thursday morning at 10 O'Clock allow me to request that you will give directions for his being received with the customary honors. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 27th July 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the G. G.

[1160]

A Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to report the death of Sherfoodeen Ally Khan commonly called the Nuwaub Diljaun a grandson of the Nuwaub Jaffeir Ally Khan. He received originally a stipend of Rs. 360 encreased by orders of Government of the 9th of June 1794 to Rs. 860 per mensem and again by the 2nd paragraph of the Persian Secretary's letter of the 13th February 1818 to Rs. 1,200 per mensem.

2nd. The peculiar circumstances under which his claim to the Musnud was passed over were reported by Mr. Monckton on the 28th December 1817. His Uncle Syfood Dowlah Nuwab Nazim dying of the smallpox was succeeded by Ashruf Alli Khan then ill of the same disorder. After an interval of nine days he also expired and was succeeded by his brother Mubaruk ood Dowlah to the exclusion of Ashruf Ally's son the Nuwaub Diljaun then an infant. The Nuwaub bore through a long life a very respectable character but was unfortunately deficient in prudence in the management of his affairs. I may be allowed to add that he was peculiarly distinguished for steady and uncompromising attachment to the British Government.

3rd. In the course of a visit I made to him during his fatal illness he delivered to me a paper of the nature of a will and expressed his anxious desire that the provisions it contained should be observed. As I knew nothing of it's contents except that it excluded his two elder sons from succeeding as head of the family I merely in reply expressed my conviction that the Governor General in Council would generally be desirous to meet his wishes.

4th. The alienation from his two elder sons, is of long standing & although there appear to be precedents in the Nizamut for setting aside the claims of primogeniture yet as they must be considered exceptions rather than establishing a rule I am solicitous to call the particular attention of Government to the point.

5th. Of the justice propriety and convenience of adhering in general to the established rules of succession I think there can be no doubt: Government would not I presume be disposed to support any parent in the wanton infringement of them, but would on the contrary interpose it's authority to compel an observance of them.

6th. But where the anger of the parent is justly excited by the low and depraved habits of the son and especially where the son is considered to have brought disgrace upon his family then I humbly conceive that there is no call upon the Government to interfere or to bolster up a worthless man whose misconduct even paternal affection can no longer disguise.

7th. Such I regret to say is the case with the two elder sons of the Nuwaub Diljaun. The old man spoke to me of them with anguish not unmingled with anger and on referring to others I found his account too well substantiated Invincibly addicted to the meanest a[nd] most discreditable pursuits and to the lowest company, without shame or concealment they have long ceased to be admitted among their relations and equals and having justly forfeited their place in society, there appears nothing in their case which should induce Government to interpose to restore them to it. A provision to protect them from want seems all that is required.

8th. The elder of them Syud Ally Ruza receives it appears already Rs. 100 from the Behla department under the head Akroobah. In addition to this I beg to recommend that he receive Rs. 50 for his personal expences his family being separately provided for under the Agents directions as suggested below and that the second son Syud Jaffur Ally who has nothing else receive a stipend of Rs. 100 per mensem.

9th. The youngest son Gholam Murteza (otherwise Soopun) is about 11 years of age attends the College very regularly and is extremely promising. In conformity with his Fathers desire I would beg to suggest that Rs. 300 be allotted to him as Head of the Family but as he cannot at present require so much I think Rs. 125 should be allowed to accumulate to purchase a house for him for the expences of his marriage and any other objects which may be considered desirable on his attaining majority.

10th. The daughter might receive Rs. 100 per mensem as suggested by the Nuwaub expending Rs. 50 & allowing Rs. 50 to accumulate until her marriage.

11th. The Nuwaub solicits that Rs. 200 each may be settled on his two Minkooahs, and that Rs. 75 should be deducted from one & Rs. 100 from the other for the payment of his debts But I need scarcely remark that Government have repeatedly determined the stipends if [of?] deceased members of the Nizamut shall not be appropriated to this object and there is no reason whatever in this case fo. deviating from the established rule I beg leave accordingly to recommend that Rs. 175 be settled on Uttur ool Nissa & Rs. 150 on Ruheem ool Nissa Khanums without any deductions. This is rather more than it has been usual to settle on the Minkooahs of deceased Sahib Zadehs but as they are old and respectable and may for the present be considered in some respects as Guardians of the Family it is desirable to place them on a respectable footing. Should the proposed Head of the Family turn out as he at present promises some increase may ultimately be made to his stipend or that of his nephew Cazim Ally from this source.

12th. Instead of Rs. 50 for Kazim Ally son of Ally Ruzah I would beg to propose that 37 Rs. be added to that sum and that it be appropriated under the directions of the Agent for the maintenance and education of 3 sons & 1 unmarried daughter of Ally Ruzah.

13th. I would also beg to suggest that Rs. 20 each be settled on three married daughters of Ally Rezah I consider this amount ample as their conduct has not been such as to claim very favorable consideration.

14th. The other recommendations of the Nuwaub seem unobjectionable and I beg to recommend that they be complied with the exception of Rs. 22 for ground rent which ought to be paid by the possessor of the premises and not be a fixed charge on a stipend.

15th. I have the honor to annex an abstract of the Nuwaubs proposals and of the alterations I have suggested.

	Rs
*Contingent on his good behaviour letter to Khanum 18th Novr. 1826.	
Fatimah Begum	20
Sd. Moorteza Alli Soopun	10
Sd. Alli Reza	10
**To be increased from lapses if he behaves well.	
Kazim Ally	50
(Illegible) Ally	35
Umjud Ally	32
Fatimah Begum	20
	137
†Songhum Lal	25
(Illegible)	10
Shekh Bir-Ali	5
Ramjan Ali	5
Panchoo	5
Sd. Reza	5
	55

	Proposed by the Nuwaub	Proposed by the Agent
*Goolam Moorteza, oorf Soopun 3rd or youngest son	300	300
Koomrun Nissa Khanum daughter	100	100
Utteroon Nissa Khanum	200	175
Ruheemool Nissa Khanum	200	150
Syud Allyrezzah Khawn eldest son	100	50
Syud Jaffer Ally second son	100	100
Syud Kazim Ally grandson	50	—
** ,, Kazim Ally &ca three sons and a daughter of Ally Rezza to be apportioned by the Agent	—	137
Three married daughters of Ditto	—	60
Daddah &ca.	25	25
†Moolaziman Kuddeem	55	55
Tomb Expence	8	8
Ground Rent	22	—
Mohurrem Expence	40	40
Sa. Rs	1,200	1,200

.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 29th July 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. Genl.

Dada &ca.		
Dada Miskah	7	died and Resd.
Doulutoonissa	6	Do.
Shurfoon	4	died settled on her son Sd. Jaffer Alli
Motalukan Sumsher	5	now (illegible)
Nussiboon	3	,, Amboo Jan
	25	

[1161]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to report that, under the authority vested in me by Government under date the 12th August 1825, I have deemed it my duty to require the Nuwaub Roshunooddowlah to leave Moorshedabad, and proceed for the present to reside at Rajemehal.

2nd. Although the intercourse between him and His Highness ceased for sometime, yet it was repeatedly renewed, and finding all my cautions and admonitions disregarded while the familiarity produced the worst effects on the mind and principles of His Highness, I deemed it my duty to carry the instructions of Government into effect.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 31st July 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1162]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—In the 13th para. of my letter of the 29th Inst. I recommended that Rs. 20 per mensem should be granted to each of the three grand-daughters of the Nuwaub Diljaun intimating that their conduct did not entitle them to a more liberal provision.

2nd. Under other circumstances Mr. Loch had recommended in the appendix No. 1 to his report of the 30th August 1824 that these three young Ladies (No. 7, 8, 9) should receive Rs. 4,000 each for marriage expences.

3rd. Two of them are however already married and a sum of Rs. 1,000 will in my opinion now be sufficient to provide adequately for the marriage of the remaining one—I beg leave to recommend that it be granted accordingly.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 31st July 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1163]

Honorable A. Ramsay,
Collector of Toll on the Bhagerutty River.

Sir,—I beg leave to transmit for your information a list of certificates which I have granted to the Mangees of boats in the service of the Nuwaub Nazim for exemption from toll when passing through the Bhagerutty river conformably with orders of Government of the 16th December 1825.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 9th August 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

Enclosure

List of Boats in the service of His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim

Tonnage of boats	Description of boats	Mangees name	Name of boats
495 Maunds	Mour Punkhee	Ramlochun	Mour Punkhee
400 Do.	Do.	Byzonait	Do. Koolfy
384 Do.	Do.	Punchoo	Do. Canah
360 Do.	Auspcheharah	Jumsher	Ausphcheharah
320 Do.	Do.	Curembux	Do.
630 Do.	Mugurchehara	Narain Doss	Mugurcheharah
320 Do.	Singcheharah	Hosine	Singcheharah
4050 Do.	Pheelcheharah	Ramnot	Mohasoonder
225 Do.	Bhaooleeah	Rumzon	Bhaoolakhosa
262 md. 20 seers	Do.	Uzzim	Ditto
288 md. 30 seers	Ditto	Jhingoo	Ditto Dunka
315 Ditto	Ditto	Hingun	Do. Choor
280 Ditto	Ditto	Khellahram	Ditto Ditto
288 Ditto	Ditto	Phukroo	Ditto Ditto
240 Ditto	Ditto	Curimbux	Ditto Ditto
450 Ditto	Khelnah	Rumzoo	Khelna
150 Ditto	Pulwar Khosa		Pulwarkhosa
189 Maunds	Pulwar Sadah		Pillwar Large
126 Ditto	Ditto		Ditto Small
108 Ditto	Purendah		Purendah
94 md. 20 seers	Dingy	Buscoo	Dingy Mugur
125 Ditto	Ditto		Do. Muhasoonder
3960 Ditto	Pinnace	Hingun	Pinnace Mong
2465 Ditto	Ditto	Hauder	Ditto Khesa
1190 Ditto	Budgerow	Jeetoo	Budgerow
315 Ditto	Lall Dengy	Ghozee Muger	Loll Dengy
330 Ditto	Long boat	—	Long boat
232 Ditto	Pulwur Gundwar	Ramkissore	Pulwor
490 Ditto	Ditto	Nursing	Ditto Ditto
271 md. 10 seers	Ditto	Tengurmangee	Ditto Ditto
595 Ditto	Ditto	Munnyram	Ditto
234 Ditto	Ditto	Nundnant	Ditto
188 md. 20 seers	Ditto	Sheeboo	Ditto
150 Ditto	Ditto	Bholanaut	Ditto
200 Ditto	Ditto	Doomun	Ditto
150 Ditto	Ditto	Commul Manjee	Ditto
208 Ditto	Ditto	Joogul	Ditto
264 md. 20 seers	Ditto	Mohun	Ditto
188 md. 20 seers	Ditto	Beerchurn	Ditto

List of Boats in the service of His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim

Tonnage of boats	Description of boats	Mangees name	Name of boats
78-30 seer	Dingy Gandwar	Toofanee	Dingy Shekaree
71-10 seer	Ditto	Foolchand	Ditto
67 md. 20 seer	Dingy Gandwar	Gour Churn	Ditto
67 md 20 seer	Ditto	Congally	Ditto
67 md. 20 seer	Ditto	Gopal Manjee	Ditto
71 Ditto	Ditto	Ram Manjee	Ditto
183 md. 20 seer	Ditto	Hingun	Ditto
183 md. 30 seer	Ditto	Kader Manjee	Ditto
87-20	Do	Jeetoo Manje	Do.
25 maund	Pansooye for bringing mango	Do	Punsooye
25 Ditto	Ditto	Chaund	Ditto
25 Ditto	Ditto	Boonoo	Ditto
25 Do.	Do.	Tanah	Do.
25 Ditto	Ditto	Allebux	Ditto
25 Ditto	Ditto	Bheenuck	Ditto
30 Ditto	Ditto	Soopun	Ditto
25 Ditto	Ditto	Fukeera	Ditto
1000 maunds	Surgrah for bringing firewood	Gourhurry	Surgrah
1200 Ditto	Ditto	Oochub	Ditto
1000 Ditto	Ditto	Ramsoonder	Ditto
1000 Ditto	Ditto	Radhye Haldar	Ditto
1000 Ditto	Ditto	Canye Surkar	Ditto
1000 Ditto	Ditto	Mushaldar	Ditto
1000 Ditto	Ditto		Ditto
1000 Ditto	Ditto	—	Ditto
500 maund	Boat for bringing oil &ca.	—	Boat for bringing oil &ca.
500 Ditto	Ditto		Ditto
1000 Ditto	Ditto		Ditto
500 Ditto	Ditto		Ditto
500 Ditto	Ditto		Ditto

[1164]

Holt Mackenzie Esqr.,
Secretary to Government with the Governor General.

Sir,—The present opportunity appears favorable for submitting for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor General any subject for the elucidation of which local enquiries may be required—Allow me therefore to request that you will do me the favor to lay before His Lordship the accompanying memorandum regarding the roads in these Provinces.

2. The freedom with which some of the opinions are advanced may appear to require an apology—I can only say that they are merely offered as suggestions & in the humble hope of attracting some degree of attention to a subject the importance of which does not appear to me to have been duly appreciated hitherto.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 10th Augt. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

Enclosure

The state of the Public roads in the Provinces under this Presidency & the system hitherto pursued for constructing or repairing them appear to me to require the attention of Government.

2. I need not I believe dwell on the importance of the subject to induce the superior authorities to engage in the consideration of it. Favored as this country has been by nature in bestowing upon it the inestimable advantage of navigable rivers even the native Governments perceived the advantage of attending to the state of its roads & their splendid works of this Kind can still be occasionally traced. Many of our Provinces are entirely without water carriage others possess it only to a limited extent or for short periods of the year and in all the advantage would be greatly enhanced by facilitating the communication of the surrounding country with the rivers. That there is & ever must be a great extent of land carriage throughout these Provinces I presume the most cursory consideration of their resources will suggest & the slightest enquiry will establish I beg leave to observe that there seems scarcely a positive benefit which a Govt. can confer upon its subjects so appropriate so important & so unobjectionable as in opening to them the means of easy communication with each other & with other countries.

3. The Government here have not been inattentive to this particular & the great road which it is to be hoped will ere long be completed from Calcutta & Cuttack to the utmost extremity of our Western Provinces will be a proof at once of its liberality & its solicitude in the performance of this branch of its duties other detached roads and works & generally the ready attention with which proposals on the subject have been met evince clearly the disposition of the Government regarding it.

4. I am induced however to doubt whether the success which has attended this branch of our administration has been proportioned to its intrinsic importance or to the attention bestowed upon it by Government—I fear it cannot be denied that the roads throughout the country generally only excepting those above noticed and those in the immediate vicinity of considerable stations are in a wretched state & are scarcely passable for wheel carriages that there is not one in any tolerable order leading from our metropolis to any of the principal cities or stations of Bengal & that the communications of those with each other are in a like state—No attention has been paid either to the construction of roads for facilitating the transport of commodities with reference to the changes which the fluctuations of commerce or the change in the course of rivers renders necessary.

5. If however the subject be one of acknowledged importance if it have received such a share of the superintending care of Government as can be afforded to it how happens it that the success has been so little?

6. My own opinion is that the state of the roads has been too much lost sight of among the many other more importunate but scarcely more important subjects which have occupied the attention of successive Governments & that tho' as above noticed occasionally adverted to by the supreme authority it has never assumed the regular distinct place it ought to do in the arrangement of our internal economy.

7. The superintendence of the roads throughout the country tho' nominally placed in the hands of the Superintendents of Police by Section 17 Regulation 17—1816 is *with some exceptions practically in the hands of the several Magistrates—They seem upon the whole the proper officers to entrust with the management of them but they require controul in this as well as in the other branches of their duties. As it is one Magistrate takes a pride in having excellent roads another in adjoining district perhaps is or thinks himself occupied with more important business & is very indifferent about them. 'Roads constructed at a considerable expence by one Magistrate are neglected & go to decay under his successor. Important roads too often pass through portions of districts remote from the principal station & receive little attention. The efforts of one Magistrate & all the labour he has brought into action are thus rendered nugatory by the remissness of another. The particular part too of constructing roads & bridges suitable to the soil & climate & the wants of the public seems little understood. To what extent broken brick or Kunkur or turfing or other material would be most advantageously employed the cheapest & most efficacious mode of constructing bridges & drains so as not to impede the draining or irrigation of the country the state of the public ferries & other particulars, are all left in the hands of each individual local officer without any superintending authority capable of aiding or instructing him. Large expensive roads have been begun also in the Military department & on the occurrence of some exigency in the public service have been laid aside & neglected tho' had those been made over to the Magistrate with a little attention from him they would have been preserved & rendered passable during the period of the year when they are most wanted. Then again the only reports furnished on the state of the roads are from officers commanding troops traversing them but they are forwarded to the military authorities who possess no facilities for rectifying what is wrong. There seems throughout a want of efficient superintendence & system & concert in the present mode of management without which all detached & occasional attention to the subject can be of no avail.

*N.B.—The roads in the Arrah district are under the local Agents.

The great Western road from Moorshedabad is a raised bund & must have been constructed at a heavy Expence but probably has not been retained for years & is with difficulty passable. .

8. If indeed the roads in any part of the world require constant & vigilant attention to keep them in tolerable order the nature of the soil & climate of Bengal appear in an especial manner to demand it. The want of materials for constructing roads and the violence of the periodical rains combine to render unremitting care necessary to their very existence.

9. I am not at all prepared to admit however that there is any serious difficulty in greatly facilitating the communication throughout the country for the large portion of the year in which roads are most required. A very little trouble & attention after every rains would ensure us very useful & passable roads for seven or eight months or till the commencement of the ensuing rainy season. Little more is required than to smooth off the cuts made by the rains. Occasionally a slight bridge is wanted—All this would be I am persuaded easily &

readily effected through the Zemindars by the villagers if we were cautious in timing our requisitions so as not to interfere with the cultivation of the crops. In fact it is frequently done by active Magistrates & might be required from every Magistrate. If the Regulations on the subject are insufficient I do not think the amendment of them would be either unpopular or unreasonable.

10. Certain principal roads ought however to be constructed as at present in a more substantial manner & an especial authority ought to be vested somewhere to superintend their direction their construction & their preservation.

11. The consideration of the proper remedy belongs to the supreme authority & even a suggestion from me may appear in some degree misplaced—Perhaps however I may be pardoned for observing that I should not consider any expensive establishment necessary for the superintendence of the roads. It appears to me that a Committee at the Presidency composed partly of civil & partly of Military Officers aided by an active & intelligent Secretary who should be exclusively employed on this duty would be eminently useful & more for the present would not be required. To confer due weight & influence its members should perhaps be of the highest rank & though there are objections to imposing additional duties on those who are already over loaded with business yet it may be inferred that the importance of the object would induce them to engage cheerfully in the task. The questions submitted to them would not be very difficult or complicated & the details would of course be conducted by the Secretary with a little supervision on the part of the Board.

12. It should be the duty of the Board to ascertain the direction of the principal roads throughout the country & the state in which they are to take measures from time to time through the local authorities for their repair to determine under the authority of Government where new lines of road would be useful in assisting the commerce & generally in facilitating the intercourse of one part of the country with another to take measures for the construction of such new roads & generally to superintend the management of the roads throughout the Provinces under this Presidency.

13. All the Public Officers Civil & Military should be required to pay immediate attention to all application made under the authority of the Board.

[1165]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—In consequence of some alterations in the ordnance department of the army I understand an order has been received for removing all the Artillery here to the Presidency.

2. It has always been usual to receive His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim on his visiting the Cantonment with a salute which under the present instructions must in future be dispensed with. I can certainly explain that by the removal of the Guns no disrespect is intended towards him, but at the same time no considerable expense or inconvenience would be incurred by continuing three Guns here (which are I am informed enough for a salute) it might be as well not to depart from the usage which has hitherto prevailed in this particular. Perhaps His Lordship may be pleased to authorise a communication being made to the Military Department to this effect.—I have etc.

W. L. Melville,
the 10th August 1826. *Agent to the Govr. Genl.*

[1166]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill amounting to Rupees 3,694-10-8 with receipt in duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 24th August 1826. *A. G. G.*

[1167]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill amounting to Rs. 3,694-10-8 with receipt in duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 26th Augt. 1826. *A. G. G.*

[1168]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I understand that although a large sum was recently received into your treasury only one month of the Nizamut stipend has been discharged the remainder having been devoted to Commercial & other purposes.

2. Your instructions under date the 8th January 1814 are to pay the Nizamut in preference to any other claim on your treasury and I shall therefore be obliged by your informing me of the circumstances which led to a deviation from that rule.

3. It is said that the delay which occurred in consequence of my proceeding for a few days to meet the Governor General enabled the Commercial Resident to present his receipt before mine and that his were thus preferred, As you was perfectly aware however of the amount of the Nizamut claims as well as of the cause of the delay in forwarding them and as I am not aware that any public inconveniences could have been sustained by your retaining the requisite sum for a very few days in your treasury, this reason seems scarcely sufficient to account for the circumstance, If however your orders are peremptory to pay assignments in the order in which they are presented I shall be much obliged by your favoring me with a copy of them in order that I may apply to have them modified so as to meet any little delay which may occasionally occur in presenting the

Nizamut receipts and may assimilate the system to the spirit of the order to give the preference to the Nizamut stipends.

4. Allow me also to solicit your attention to my letter of the 28th of November last, requesting when the Nizamut stipends may have fallen into arrear that you will be so good as to apprize me of the arrival of cash to liquidate them.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 26th August 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1169]

Captain MacLeod,
Superintendent Nizamut Buildings, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In reply to your letter of yesterdays date I beg leave to inform that I perceive no objection to your proceeding to Calcutta immediately conformably with the conditional permission of Government.

2. Should it become desirable to communicate immediately with the Right Honorable the Vice President in Council with the View of obtaining His Lordship's saction to any arrangement, I beg to suggest that you address the assistant in charge of Persian office in the absence of the Persian Secretary, who has proceeded to the Western Provinces with the Governor General. -I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 28th August 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1170

Messrs Alexander & Co.

Gentlemen,—With reference to your letter of the 4th Instt. I beg leave to inform you that Abdool Ruzak had previously submitted to me the bond in question when the necessary orders were passed on his application.
I therefore beg to return the bond.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 29th Augt. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the G. G.

[1171]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to transmit four thousand Rupees and shall be obliged by your furnishing me with an order in my favor on the Collector of Cawnpore for the amount, —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 31 August 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1172]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill amounting to Rups. 3,694-10-8 with receipt in duplicate for the amount.
2. Of this sum I wish to contribute Rs. 3,000 three thousand Rupees part of my salary to the 5 per cent loan now open and will thank you to furnish me with a certificate accordingly.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 19th September 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1173]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to transmit Six thousand & fifty Eight Rupees & shall be obliged by your furnishing me with an order in favor of Nuwaub Roshunood Doula on the Collector of Bhanglepore for the amount. -I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 19 Sept. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1174]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Nuwaub Moostofa Khawn having appointed Meer Hingun to receive his stipend in the room of Deendeeal, I have therefore to request you will be pleased henceforth to pay his monthly stipend to Meer Hingun.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 19th Septr. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1175]

The Clerk of the Committee of Stationery, Calcutta.

Sir,—Being in much want of some pasteboards for securing books I request the favor of your delivering twenty to the bearer.—I am etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 19th Septr. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1176]

W. H. Macnaghten Esqr.,
Register to the Court of Sudder Dewaney Adawlut,
Fort William.

Sir,—In a Suit instituted by me in the Court of Appeal under the provisions of Regulation XIX 1825 it has

become desirable to make an immediate application to the Court.

2. Being however the only Judge present in the Court I should be obliged to you to obtain the opinion of the Sudder Dewaney Adawlut whether under the peculiar circumstances of the case there is any legal impediment to my receiving such an application and passing such orders as may be necessary upon it.

3. I would Gladly have avoided submitting this question but a cried conplicting [?] duties I hope I may be excused for soliciting the orders of the Court. It would be extremely desirable if I could receive them prior to the recess.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 19th September 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1177]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg to leave to report the death of Mahomed Ally Khan son of Jehaun Begum who according to the Report of the Committee of 1802 received an allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem (*vide* head Molazimn. Imteazee) & a farther sum of Rs. 90 under Mr. Moncktons report of the 18th October 1817 & the orders of Government of the 14th November following.—

I consulted the Nuwaub Nazim on the distribution of this stipend & he recommends as follows:—

Imamee Begum (daughter) . . .	40
Kumur ool nissa Begum (Do.) . . .	40
Misrun (hurm)	7
Dhunna (hurm)	7
Tomb Expences	6
Resumed	90

This corresponds to a considerable extent with a letter written to me by Mahomed Ally before his death excepting that the sum now proposed to be resumed was principally devoted to provide for a daughter since deceased.

In limited compliance with his wish I would beg to propose that Rs. 12 be settled on Misrun hurm instead of Rs. 7 that Rs. 10 be settled on two old servants & that the sum resumed be Rs. 75 instead of Rs. 90.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 26th Septr. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1178]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to report the death of Syud Imam Ally on whom his Fathers (Meer Iretezahs) hereditary pension was conferred under orders of Government of the 19th April 1805.

I consulted His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim on the distribution of this pension & he recommends as follows:—

	Allowance now proposed	Former Stipend	Total
Syud Sadik Ally (Cousin)	10	15	25
Noorool nissa (mother of deceased) . . .	10		10
Fyzool Fatimeh (widow of Do.)	18		18
Imamee Khanum (hurm)	7		7
Sadik Allys former allowance was settled on him from this stipend by Mr. Monckton's desire .	15		
Total Stipend .	60		

This proposal seems just & proper & I beg leave to recommend that it be adhered to.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 26th Septr. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1179]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to recommend that the Right Honorable the Governor General will be pleased to sanction a marriage between Meer Mahomed Hussein son of the late Nuwaub Zyneoolabdeen & one of the daughters of His late Highness Aleejah.

2. I have had occasion more than once to notice the very promising character of this young man & the proposed union meets with the approbation of the connections or guardians of both parties. Indeed it is regarded throughout the Nizamut as a highly eligible & suitable match.

3. Should it be sanctioned I beg to suggest that the sum of Rs. 80,000 be bestowed on the young Lady as proposed by Mr. Loch.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 26th Septr. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. Genl.

[1180]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Various circumstances have deterred me for sometime from reporting on the conduct of the Nuwaub Nazim.

2. After my last report of the 2nd May last there was nothing new to communicate Although in several material respects His Highness did not acquit himself in a satisfactory manner there was nothing to call for the special interposition of Government.

3. Latterly his conduct has been still less conformable with propriety & I have considered it my duty to remonstrate with him in every strong terms. The particulars however are so little creditable that I would rather not place them upon record & I trust I may the more readily be allowed to decline the task as I have nothing new to propose. I am not aware that any immediate interference of Government could have a beneficial effect & there is no urgent necessity for carrying into effect the strong measures formerly under consideration.

4. In an interview I had this morning with His Highness on remonstrating with him regarding his idleness he retorted with some quickness that it was of no use troubling him about it & forcibly (Zuberdustee) compelling him to read. I replied that I did not distinctly understand what His Highness could refer to for it was between two & three months since he had opened a book. He now engages to shew greater attention but I fear no great reliance can be placed on his promises Mufty Moiz though highly intelligent as well as respectable seems rather regarded as an impediment to his amusements than as a person in whose company he finds any pleasure.

5. He would I think willingly engage in the Superintendence of the Nizamut but until he shews more steadiness of character & propriety of demeanour it seems obviously objectionable to entrust him with any extensive charge.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 26th Septr. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1181]

Robert Grant Esquire,
Collector of Government Customs, Cawnpore.

Sir,—The Nuwaub Nazim of Bengal having occasion to procure certain leather articles (torn) from Cawnpore I beg leave to enclose to you a copy of a letter from the Persian Secretary to Government under date the 14th July last from which you will perceived that articles for His Highness are exempted from duty and I shall be obliged by your directing your officers to pass those specified in the annexed list accordingly.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 5th October 1826.

W. L. Melville.

Enclosure

600 white belts for Sepoys
100 Hides
50 Saddles
400 Pouches
100 pr. boats
2 Sets harness for 4 horses
4 Do. for a pair
4 Do. buggy Do.

[1182]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose 2 letters from Her Highness the Ameerool nissa Begum one to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General and the other to yourself.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 8th October 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1183]

The Officer Commanding a Detachment Proceeding to up the River above Moorshedabad.

Sir,—The Dewan of the Nuwaub Nazim of Bengal has sent to inform me that three boatmen in the service of His Highness have been pressed by persons in the fleet under your charge and that on his sending a Chobdar to apprise you they were His Highness's servants and to solicit their release you declined complying with the request.

Should the three men be still in your fleet allow me to beg that you will be so good as to cause them to be delivered to the bearer. Their Names are Lukeenarrain Ruttun and Mooluk Chund and they will be pointed out by the bearer.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 12th Octr. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1184]

S. Fraser Esqr.,
Assistant Persian Secretary to Government in charge, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honorable the Vice President in Council that the Nuwaub Abool Hussein great uncle to the Nuwaub Nazim has left this City without permission & indeed without communicating his intention to me.

2nd. Under the sanction of Government & of His Highness he was allowed to return to the city about a year ago from Bhaugulpore to which place he had been removed under the orders of Government His Health has since been in a bad state & indeed it seems doubtful if his intellects are altogether unimpaired.

3rd. It is said that he has proceeded to Calcutta & I beg leave to suggest that if he makes any application at your Office he may be required forthwith to return to Moorshedabad.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 13th Octr. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1185]

Lieut. Clayton,
Sub Assistant Commissary General, Berhampore.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Yesterday's date, requesting that under the urgent circumstances therein stated (torn) apply to the Nuwaub Nazim for the loan of a Budgerow.

I regret that I do not consider myself authorized to apply to His Highness on this occasion. I do not find that any similar public application has ever been made hitherto, and you will I am persuaded on reflection perceive the objection which exist to, establishing a precedent which would tend to encourage officer to look to the Nizamut on such occasions. I am also aware that His Highness's [Budgerow] cannot at present be conveniently (torn).—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 17 October 1826. *A. G. G.*

[1186]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill amounting to Rupees 3,694-10-8 with receipt in duplicate for the amount.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 21st October 1826. *A. G. G.*

[1187]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose my Duplicates receipts for Sicca Rupees thirteen thousand two hundred for the purpose therein specified and request the favor of your paying the amount to the Bearer.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 21st October 1826. *A. G. G.*

[1188]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to transmit the sum of Rupees 3,939-1-2, and will be obliged by your favoring me with an order for the amount on the general Treasury in favor of Colonel Canliffe Commissary General.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 24 October 1826. *A. G. G.*

[1189]

Colonel Canliffe,
Commissary General, Fort William.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 27th May last and it's enclosure I have the honor to transmit an order in your favor for Rupees 3,939-1-2 the amount due to your department on account of the subsistence of the Elephants lent by His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim to the Honorable Company during the late war. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 24th October 1826. *A. G. G.*

[1190]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg the favor of your informing me whether the sum of 100 Rs. has been monthly paid to you by the Dewan of the Nizamut in payment of the sum of Rs. 7,000 advanced to Wahid Hussein Khan according to Mr. Loch's letter to your address of the 2nd August 1824 & to what account the sum in question has been credited.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 27th Octr. 1826. *A. G. G.*

[1191]

Mr. Melville has deferred replying to Mr. Bernett's letter about the house at Lolbagh in consequence of the holiday.

He is willing to sanction the purchase of it for the Amdah Begum for the sum of Rs. 2,000 two thousand Rupees.

He accordingly request to have the Pottah for the ground & a deed of sale duly executed by the proprietor or a power of attorney executed by him in favor of some person whom he may empower to sell. These last must be on stamp paper.

On the delivery of the deeds the money will be paid.

the 27th October 1826.

[1192]

A. Smelt Esquire,
Collector of Government Custom and Town Duty,
Moorshedabad.

Sir,—The Aumeeroolnissa Begum has represented that the Daroghas of Town duty at the Gobra Nullah at Illaheegunge and at the Bhyronuddee Chokey occasion some inconvenience by interfering with the regular supplies of oil Ghee and gram proceeding for the use of Her Highness's household.

With reference to your letter of the 27th of July last allow me to request that you will issue [torn: such?]

orders as may facilitate the receipt of the articles at Her Highness's Deorhee.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 27th October 1826. *A. G. G.*

[1193]

L. Magniac Esquire,
Collector of Government Customs, Dacca.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose a copy of a letter from the Persian Secretary to Government under date the 14th of July last, from which you will perceive that the Nuwab Nazim and principal Begum of the Nizamut are exempted from the payment of Government customs on articles intended for their actual consumption.

I beg to enclose a list of articles Her Highness the Ameeroolnissa Begum annually require from Dacca and request the favor of your instructing your Officers to permit them to pass unimpeded conformably with the orders of Government.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 28th October 1826. *A. G. G.*

[An identical letter written to the Collector of Government Customs and Town Duty, Benares.—Ed.]

[1194]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I request that you will be pleased to deduct from the Nizamut stipends Rs. 150 p. mensem & credit it to the Nizamut Deposit Fund until the sum of Rs. 5,000 advanced to Meer Mohumed Hussen under orders of Government of the 27th July last & for which you will hold my receipt of the 21st Instt. is repaid to that Fund. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 28th Oct. 1826. *A. G. G.*

[1195]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to recommend that I may be authorised to advance Rs. 10,000 from the Deposit Fund for the marriage of the four daughters of Syud Mohsin Ally & Noor oolnissa Begum No. 11, 12, 13 & Noor Jehan (who proves to be now about 16 years of age) of the Appendix No. 1 to Mr. Lochs report of the 30th of August 1824.

2nd. Suitable husbands have been selected but finding the quarrels of the parents obstruct the marriage of these young Ladies I propose to entrust the arrangement of their establishment to Her Highness the Ameer oolnissa Begum who I have no doubt will acquit herself well of the charge.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 28th October 1826. *Agent to the Govr. Genl.*

[1196]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to recommend that a sum of Rs. 1,000 be disbursed from the Deposit Fund for the marriage of a daughter of Punnah Ally a sister of the young Lady mentioned as No. 14 in the Appendix No. 1 to Mr. Lochs report of the 30th August 1824.

2nd. Mr. Loch probably contemplated including her in the prospective arrangements he alluded to but as she has attained the age of about 15 years it is time she was settled in life and the saving of Rs. 8,000 set apart by Mr. Loch for the marriage of two of the Nuwaub Diljauns grand-daughters Nos. 8 & 9 of his list and which will not now be required and will afford ample Funds for meeting this & some other disbursements.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 31st October 1826. *Agent to the Govr. Genl.*

[1197]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—An allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem each was granted to seven concubines of the Nuwaub Aleejah by orders of Government conveyed in the 36 para. of Mr. Prinseps letter of the 28th of February 1823.

2nd. It now appears that an eighth concubine named Ferozeh Khanum resided at the time in the Deorhee of the Ameeroolnissa Begum & that in consequence of the quarrel between Her Highness & the late Nazim a provision for this Person was not recommended.

3rd. As there seems however to be no doubt regarding the facts of the case I beg leave to recommend that an allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem be also granted to the Khanum.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 31st October 1826. *Agent to the Govr. Gl.*

1198]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Besides the Stipend of 1,000 Rs. per mensem referred to in Mr. Russells letter of the 9th of April 1822 as drawn by the deceased Nuwaub Yasooboodeen Ally Khan it appears from the report of the Committee of 1802 that the Nuwaub was entitled to Rs. 25 per mensem under the head Akroobah—The arrears of this sum

were partly drawn from the deposit fund under the orders of Government conveyed in the 16th para. of Mr. Swintons letter of the 16th October 1820.

2nd. As this allowance is hereditary under resolutions of Government of the 3rd September 1790 it ought to be continued to the Family and I beg leave accordingly to recommend that it be granted with the arrears from the death of the Nuwaub to Asuf oodeen Ally his eldest son.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 31st October 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. Genl.

[1199]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I request that you will be pleased to deduct the amount due to the deposit fund from Wahed Hossen Khan agreeably to Mr. Lochs letter of the 2nd July 1824 from the next payment of the Nizamut Stipend.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 8th Novr. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1200]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 6th Instant I beg leave to inform you that from the extreme distress sustained by the Nizamut stipendiaries from the heavy arrears and from a knowledge of the scarcity of coin during the late war I have several times consented on the part of the Nizamut to receive part of the allowance in bank notes. These however are always parted with at a discount and there can be no doubt of the intention of Government to pay the allowances in full.

2d. I have now consulted the principal persons in the Nizamut and they unite in expressing their expectations that what was admitted as a temporary expedient to relieve both Government & the Nizamut may not be established as a usage. This desire I confess appears to me reasonable I cannot therefore combat it and I request you will communicate it to the Accountt. General with the expression of my anxious hope that some provision may be made to provide for the future regular payment of the Nizamut in cash. The distress occasioned by the late irregularities have been most securely felt.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
the 8th Novr. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1201]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill amounting to Rupees 3,694-10-8 with receipt in duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th Novr. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1202]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I should be obliged to you to request the Collector of Bhaughulpore to pay monthly to the receipt of the Nuwaub Roshunoodowlah at Mongher the sum of Rupees three hundred and twenty two (Rs. 322) deducting that amount from the future payment of the Nizamut stipends.

I will farther thank you to send me a draft in favor of the Nuwaub on that Collector for Rs. 966 which sum will be paid into your treasury by the bearer.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
the 25 Novr. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1203]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Some money being urgently required for the expences of the Nizamut I beg the favor of your informing me whether you can advance any part of the arrears of the Stipends.

I will also thank you to let me know when you are likely to discharge the Stipends in full for the past month & those due on the 1st Proximo.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 27th Novr. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1204]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Circumstances having occurred urgently requiring a small supply of money for the Nizamut I beg to enclose my receipts in duplicate for Rs. 20,000 & shall be obliged by your sending me the amount in bank notes under the uncertainty noticed in your letter of the 28th Instant of when you may be able to discharge the Stipends in cash.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 29th Novr. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the G. G.

[1205]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose receipts in duplicate for Sicca Rupees Ten thousand for the purpose therein specified & request the favor of your paying the amount to the bearer in bank notes.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 29 Novr. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1206]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Bubber Ally Khan having appointed Lollo Unoog Sing to receive his stipend in the room of Ramnarain Dutt I have therefore to request you will be pleased henceforth to pay his monthly stipend to Lollo Unoog Sing.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 5 December 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1207]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to report the death of Mohummud Ally Khan 2nd son of Futteh Ally Khan 2nd son of the Nuwaub Meerun.

2nd. From Mr. Pattles letter of the 27th August 1802 & orders of Government of the 5th November following it would appear that Rs. 360 of hereditary pension & Rs. 500 stipend drawn from the Collector's office by Futteh Ally had on his death been settled on his eldest son Ahmed Ally.

3rd. On Ahmed Ally's death Mr. Martin reports under date the 25th December 1818 that a distribution of the above amount had been made by Mr. Brooke under which Ahmed Ally received only Rs. 252 per mensem for his personal share. This allowance under orders of Government of the 8th February 1819 was transferred to Mohummed Ally Khan.

4th. The papers connected with Mr. Brooke's distribution were I believe burned & are not forthcoming in this Office. What proportion of this Rs. 252 consisted of hereditary pension or what was the amount receivable by the several other members of the family does not appear farther than that a distribution of a farther sum of Rs. 193 was recommended by Mr. Sotheby on the 7th April 1823 & sanctioned on the 11th of the same month.

5th. From the Dewan I understand that the following was the distribution of the Stipend previous to the decease of Mohummud Ally Khan.

Mohummud Ally	245
Tomb servants &ca. . . .	67
Kazim Ally	253
Mohummud Ally's mother . .	35
Kazim Ally's ditto . . .	30
Shurf oolnissa's ditto . . .	20
A Hurm of Futtey Ally . .	20
Shurf oolnissa	35
Accumulating for her marriage	20
Illahee Begum	35
Noorjehan Begum . . .	25
Kadir Ally son-in-law . . .	25
	810
Nizamut Resumed . . .	50

The widow of Mohummud Ally Khan receives Rs. 150 per mensem from the Nuwaub Mustafa Khan as his Niece and Rs. 10 from the Rajmehal Stipend. From the stipend (not hereditary) of her late husband I would propose that she receive an allowance of Rs. 80 forming a total of Rs. 240 per mensem Kazim Ally might receive an increase of Rs. 50 per mensem as the present head of the family.

6th. I would farther beg to recommend that Rs. 15 be granted as addition to Noorjehan Begum granddaughter of Futteh Ally Khan Walidah Khanum the mother of Mohummed Ally may also receive an increase of Rs. 10 and Illahee Begum his sister Rs. 10 & Omdeh Khanum Mumtoah Rs. 10 & tomb Expences Rs. 10 forming a total of Rs. 185.

7th. With these exceptions I beg leave to recommend that the balance of Mohummud Ally's stipend amounting to Rs. 60 be resumed. The whole of the present family is illegitimate & seems sufficiently provided for.

8th. The sum appropriated for the marriage of Shurf oolnissa may be transferred to Noorjehan Begum for the same purpose Shurf oolnissa was married three years ago & has since enjoyed the entire benefit of it.

9th. Confusion having arisen from not settling the hereditary Pension separate from the rest of the stipend I beg leave to propose that the following be considered hereditary pensions.

Kazim Ally .	253
Shurf oolnissa Begum	35
Illahee Begum .	35
Noorjehan Begum	35
Tomb Expences	2
	360

10th. It is proposed that Kazim Ally mentioned above shall marry the Sultaun Zobeideh Begum sister of the late Sultaun Ibrahim & daughter of Khuleel oollah Khan whose claims on the Nizamut were fully reported on by Mr. Loch under dates the 8th April & 3rd May 1824.

11th. For these expenses & to provide a house I beg leave to recommend that a sum of Rs. 4,000 be advanced

from the deposit fund on loan to Kazim Ally to be repaid by instalments of Rs. 100 per mensem.

12th. I beg leave also to recommend that Rs. 2,500 be granted from that fund to the Begum for marriage expenses she is not included in Mr. Loch's report, but adverting to the claims of her family she seems entitled to consideration & funds exist without encroaching on Mr. Loch's arrangements from the surplus not expended of the sums intended for the marriage of the Nuwaub Diljaun's grand-daughters.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 6th December 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1208]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to report the birth of a son of His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim on Sunday the 26th of November.

In offering my congratulations to His Highness on the occasion I ventured to assure him of the satisfaction which I was persuaded the auspicious event would afford to the Right Honorable the Governor General.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 7th December 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1209]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—A further sum of ten thousand Rupees being required for the Nizamut I beg to enclose my receipts & request you will be pleased to sent the amount in bank notes if still unable to supply cash.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 8th December 1826.

W. L. Melville.

[1210]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Meer Punnah Ally having now arranged the marriage of his daughter Shumsoolnissa No. 14 of Mr. Loch's report of the 30th August 1824 I beg leave to recommend that the sum of Rs. 1,000 be advanced to him from the deposit fund to enable him to complete the ceremony.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 9th Decr. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1211]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a Copy of my proceedings of this date for your information.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 9th December 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. Genl.

[1212]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—A distribution of the late Nuwaub Diljaun's allowances having been sanctioned under the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor General dated the 18th October last, I request that you will be pleased to pay the stipends with arrears from the death of the Nuwaub to the receipt of Gholam Murteza countersigned by me.

Sungum Lol having been appointed Agent to the family I beg the favor of your recognizing him in that capacity.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 9th December 1826.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1213]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Finding that His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim was unprovided with articles of plate of the most indispensable necessity in entertainments to European visitors I ordered a supply of such articles on a late occasion & beg leave to recommend that I may be authorised to charge the amount Rs. 3,762 to the Deposit Fund as part of the sum proposed to be disbursed on account of "Plate to the Nazim" in Mr. Loch's report of the 30th August 1824.

2nd. I have taken precautions for the due custody & care of this plate & as it is all engraved with the bearings of His Highness's family I trust the spoliation which has heretofore occurred may be prevented in future.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 11th Decr. 1826.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1214]

M. Ricketts Esquire,
Resident at Lucknow.

Sir,—Mirza Mohd. Alee one of the hereditary dependants on the Nazims of Bengal is about to proceed to visit his relations at Lucknow & has solicited a note of

introduction from me in exchange for one granted by Mr. Monckton some years ago of which he did not avail himself. As I believe him to be a man of respectable character I have deemed it proper to comply with his request & feel assured he will obtain all proper protection from you should he require it.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 14th December 1826. *Agent to the Govr. Genl.*

[1215]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Shumshere Ally Khan having appointed Meer Futteh Ally to receive his stipend in the room of Golam Mookhteda I have therefore to request you will be pleased henceforth to pay his monthly stipend to Meer Futteh Ally.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 14th Decr. 1826. *A. G. G.*

[1216]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill amounting to Rs. 3,694-10-8 with receipt in duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 15th Decr. 1826. *Agent Govr. Genl.*

[1217]

J. Trotter Esqr.,
Secretary to the Board of Customs, Fort William.

Sir,—The Nuwaub Soulut Jung represented to me that he has never received any rent whatever for the House at Lolbagh occupied by the Custom House writer although the (torn) ordered that he should receive it in (torn) letter to the Collector of the 3rd of December 1825.

2nd. I trust therefore that the Board will take measures for enforcing their resolution on this point and it is also desirable that the affair should be finally arranged on the principle formerly agreed to.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 15th Decr. 1826. *Agent Govr. Gl.*

[1218]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Ushrifool nissa Begum sister of the late Nuwaub Diljaun has very strongly urged a petition for a grant of Rs. 1,000 from the deposit fund to defray part of the expense of a marriage in her family.

2nd. Adverting to her very advanced age (she is I believe near 80) her respectable character the regard due to her late brother & the large grant proposed but not required for other branches of this family I beg the favor of your recommending her solicitation to the favorable consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor General.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 16th Decr. 1826. *Agent Govr. Genl.*

[1219]

S. Fraser Esqr.,
Deputy Persian Secretary to Government in Charge, Fort William.

Sir,—I am desirous that a Gentleman acquainted with the mode of examination pursued in the Mahomedan College here should proceed to Moorshedabad with the view of ascertaining the progress of the students in the Nizamut College & generally examining the state of the institution—I understand from Captain Ruddell that he could be spared for this duty with little comparative inconvenience about the 1st of February and should Government perceive no material objection perhaps they will be pleased to authorise the College Council to permit him to proceed to Moorshedabad at that period.

2nd. I suppose no Expense need be incurred excepting for Captain Ruddell's Dawk which may be defrayed from the funds of the institution.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Calcutta, W. L. Melville,
the 5th Jany. 1827. *Agent Govr. Genl.*

[1220]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 10th Instant I beg leave to inform you that for the reasons assigned in my communication of the 8th November last I do not wish to receive so large a sum as one Lack of Rupees in payment of the Nizamut stipends for December in bank notes ; but if desirable I believe there would be no objection to receiving 20 or 30,000 Rs. in that shape.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 14th Jany. 1827. *A. G. G.*

[1221]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th February 1826 calling for a farther report regarding the Stipend enjoyed by Ruheem oolnissa

Begum a legitimate daughter of the Nuwaub Saubit Jung by Sydoolnissa Begum a daughter of Mubarukooddowlah.

2nd. On farther enquiry it appears that on the death of Saubit Jung the following was the distribution of Rs. 53 referred to in the 4th paragraph of your letter.

Durryaee Begum	14-2
Mureemoolnissa Begum	14-2
Omdah Begum	14-2
Sultan Ruheemoolnissa Begum . . (an illegitimate daughter & not the one abovementioned)	10-9

Of these the three first are still alive & the proportion of the 4th ought to be divided among her sisters.

3rd. Adverting to the considerable sum resumable by the Nizamut on the death of Ruheemoolnissa & to the direct descent of her half sisters through their father from Jaffeir Ally Khan it appeared to me that some indulgence might be shewn to them by appropriating to their use a small portion of her allowance. A precedent also exists in the case of Zobeidah Begum referred to in my letter of the 6th Ultimo of an illegitimate daughter of a son-in-law of Mubarukooddowlah receiving Rs. 100 per mensem.—Of course however there is no urgent necessity for the increase should it be deemed inexpedient by the Right Honorable the Governor General under the explanation I have now afforded.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 18th Jany. 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1222]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Post Master of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—It appears to us that considerable public inconvenience is occasioned by the recent removal of the Moorshedabad Post Office from Banjettey to the Berhampore cantonment while we are not aware of any advantage arising from the change as a separate Dawk to Berhampore already exists. We should therefore feel much obliged to you to let us know whether you have received any instructions upon the subject & we should also be thankful for any explanation regarding it with which you may be disposed to favor us.—We have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 22nd Jany. 1827.

W. L. Melville,
D. Dale.

[1223]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill amounting to Rs. 3,694-10-8 with receipt in duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 23rd Jany. 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1224]

The Resident at Delhe.

Sir,—Meer Mohumed Hossin Meer Meera, son of Byram Khan Behadoor and one of the Akrobah of His Highness the Nazim of Bengal being anxious to proceed to Delhe on urgent private affairs and an application having been made in his favor by the late Nazim to my predecessor I have taken the liberty to furnish him with this letter which he will have the honor to present to you in person for your further information as to the object of Meer Hossins visit to Delhi, I have the pleasure to enclose copies of His late Highness's letter to the late Agent with it's enclosure.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 30th Jany. 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1225]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir, -I beg to enclose receipt in duplicate for Sicca Rupees three thousand seven hundred and sixty two for the purpose therein specified and request the favor of your paying the amount to the bearer in bank notes. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 30th Jany. 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1226]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose receipts in duplicate for Sicca Rupees four thousand for the purpose therein specified and request the favor of your paying the amount to the bearer.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 30th Jany. 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1227]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to report the death of Ameeroonissa Begum grand niece of the Nuwaub Jaffir Ally Khan who appears from the report of the Committee of 1802 to have received an allowance of Rs. 20 per mensem from the Serishteh Behla under the head Akroobah. This stipend is hereditary under Resolutions of Government dated the 3d September 1790.

2. On consulting His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim he recommends that half of this stipend should be

granted to Meer Abool Hussun brother & the other half to Motee Begum sister of the deceased, Meer Abool Hussun already receives Rs.15-5As. from the Raujemehal portion of Ameeroonissa's stipend under orders of Government of the 22d July 1825.

3. On a consideration of the whole circumstances I beg leave to recommend that His Highness's present suggestion be complied with.

4. Ameeroonissa Begum died on the 17th Novr. 1823. In consequence of a petition presented to me I called on the Dewan for a report on the 3d June 1825, which was not furnished until the 4th May 1826, an opinion called for from Mufty Moiz occasioned the subsequent delay, but I have desired the Dewan to explain (which he has not done) the cause of his so long postponing to report this casualty.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 13th Feby. 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. Genl.

[1228]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Extreme distress prevailing in the Nizamut from the delay in the payment of the stipends I shall be much obliged to you to inform me if you are likely to be able to discharge the arrears at an early period.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 13th Feby. 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1229]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose my receipts in duplicate for Rs. 4,830 on account of the Nizamut December stipend & will be obliged by your favoring me with an order on the Sub Treasurer in Calcutta for the amot.

On the issue of the stipends these receipts may be cancelled as usual.—I have etc.

W. L. Melville,
the 15th Feby. 1827.
A. G. G.

[1230]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I mentioned to you privately the severe illness of Mufty Moiz tutor to the Nuwaub Nazim & I regret to add that no material amendment has taken place. I fear that he is in a deep decline.

2. Delicacy towards him has hitherto deterred me from suggesting any temporary or provisional arrangement for performing his duties about His Highness. The Governor General is aware that his influence has never been great over the mind of the Nazim. Regarded merely as a Superintendent of the studies of His Highness his appointment has indeed been of little avail & it would seem almost unnecessary to incur the expense of appointing a person in his room. But indirectly I am persuaded he has been of great use in checking many acts of folly & extravagance which could not be ventured upon before him & he has also been an excellent medium for communicating with the Agent regarding His Highness. It is in fact equally becoming in the British Government as Guardian and advantageous to the Nazim & the Nizamut to have a man of steady respectability in the capacity of preceptor while His Highness's minority continues.

3. Finding the Mufty was not likely soon to resume his duties & a short excursion which His Highness proposed making affording a favorable opportunity for suggesting a temporary arrangement after consulting the Mufty I yesterday proposed the appointment in the meantime of Fuzlool Ruhman the head of the College here whose talents & manners are well fitted for the situation & of whose character I have reason on enquiry to think very favorably, His Highness has acquiesced in the arrangement & I trust the Moolvy may be immediately established in attendance upon him.

4. I know of no other person here at all fitted for the situation & under the peculiar circumstances in which I was placed I trust that the Right Honorable the Governor General may not disapprove of the arrangements I have adopted & may be pleased to sanction it as a temporary one. It is of course understood that even in the event of the fatal termination of Mufty Moiz's illness it will remain entirely with Government to determine what course it may be most expedient to pursue regarding the appointment of a successor to him.

5th. The remuneration to be granted to Moulvy Fuzlool Ruhman may be more properly considered hereafter.

6th. The second Moulvy in the College is quite capable of conducting the management of the institution at least for the present. The first annual examination has just been completed by Captain Ruddell the Secretary of the Calcutta Mudurseh & his report is as favourable as could reasonably be expected. On this subject however I propose shortly to furnish a separate report.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 19th Feby. 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1231]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill amounting to Rupees 3,694-10-8 with receipt in duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 20 Feb. 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1232]

Major MacLeod,
Superintendent of Nizamut Buildings.

Sir,—I believe the Nizamut building department under your management has a claim on Sunkerpanre on account of advances for Chunam and as a sum is due to that individual from His late Highness I should be happy at once to adjust the whole affair. I shall therefore thank you to mention what is the present state of his account with regard to the buildings in progress the expense of which are defrayed from the (torn).—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 22nd Feby. 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

1233

L. Magniac Esquire,
Collector of Zillah Dacca Jelalpore.

Sir,—In consequence of the absence of the people & papers concerned in the Nowareh Mehals some delay has arisen in replying to your letter of the 30th November last but I trust in a few days to be able to answer it.

The representatives of Jadoosunker of Purgunneh Tellyhattee and Nursing Ramcanoo and Purgunneh Jullalpoor persons alluded to in my statement of the 31st March last have shewn me copies of your Perwanehs requiring them to discharge their arrears for 1232 & 1233 but should you perceive no objection to the adoption of the plan for allowing for their personal service suggested in the statement referred to, permit me to request that you will suspend enforcing your requisition until the deductions to be made can be accurately determined. I beg to enclose copies of the Hatchchittehs for 1232 which will enable you to determine the amount claimable.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 22nd Feby. 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Governor Genl.

[1234]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Some of the Nizamut Stipendiaries being extremely distressed for their arrears & funds being much required for the approaching festivals I should be much obliged if you could let me have an advance of thirty thousand Rupees either in cash or bank notes to meet the present exigency. I beg to enclose my receipts for the amount.

I should farther be obliged by your sending me a draft on the Resident at Dehli in favor of Colonel Skinner for four thousand Rupees for which I enclose separate receipts & which can be returned as usual on the issue of the Stipends.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 27th Feby. 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the G. G.

[1235]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Mohumed Ally son of the Nuwaub Futteh Ally who received an allowance of 810 Rs. per mensem from your office having died a new distribution of his allowance has been made under the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor General dated the 20th December 1826 I request therefore that you will be pleased to pay in future the arrears from March last at 750 Rs. per mensem & also the stipend in future at the same rate to the receipt of Kazim Ally countersigned by the Agent.

The balance Rs. 60 will be for the present carried to the deposit fund.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 3rd March 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1236]

L. Magniac Esquire,
Collector of Zillah Dacca Jelalpore.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 30th November last I have the honor to transmit in original such Papers as I have been able to procure regarding the Nowareh Mehals together with a list & a copy of my proceedings.

I am afraid it will be difficult to ascertain from these the extent of the land & I am rather at a loss to suggest how accurate information on this point can be obtained. A survey of them at which His Highness's Mushrif & Mohrir shall attend seems the only alternative & should you adopt this course they will of course obey your orders. They will proceed from hence in a few days.

It seems probable that your records may contain information which might verify the survey collected at the period when the Mehals were divided between His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim & the Nuwaub Nusrut Jung of Dacca.

I also beg to enclose a copy of a Perwannah from the late Nuwaub Nazim from which you will perceive that the reduced Juma claimed by some persons was not sanctioned by him.

Regarding the servants in attendance I had the honor to address you on the 22nd Feby. last.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshd.,
the 6th March 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1237]

Major MacLeod,
Superintendent of Nizamut Buildings.

Sir,—Having been authorised by the Right Honorable the Governor General to pay a considerable sum due to Lieutenant Colonel Parlby on account of Buildings erected by him in the Nizamut & understanding since his death that a sum remains due from him to the workmen whom he employed I shall be obliged if you can

favor me with any information on the subject as I am desirous of settling the affair with the administrator to his Estate.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, the 17th March 1827.

W. L. Melville, *Agent Govr. Genl.*

[1238]

J. W. Hogg Esquire,
Register to the Supreme Court, Fort William.

Sir,—The late Liutt. Colonel Parlby erected certain Buildings sometime ago for the family of the Nuwaub Nazim at this station and a few days after his death I received the orders of Government to pay him the balance of his account amounting to Rupees 7,792-12.

2. Understanding that a sum remained due to the workmen he had employed I requested Major MacLeod the present Superintendent of Nizamut Buildings to ascertain its amount and beg to enclose a copy of the letter I addressed to him, of his reply and the original account referred to in the latter.

3. Should this statement appear to you satisfactory I will with your permission pay through Major MacLeod the sum of Rups. 1,512-11-6 to the workmen and remit you as administrator the balance Rupees 6,280-1.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G., Moorshedabad, the 20th March 1827.

W. L. Melville, *Agent Govr. Genl.*

[1239]

Major D. MacLeod,
Supt. Nizamut Buildings.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 19th Inst. regarding the arrears due to the Workmen employed by the late Coll. Parlby, I beg to forward the sum of Rs. 1,512-8-6 and request that you will favor me with your receipt and distribute the amount to the claimants. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G., Moorshedabad, the 24 March 1827.

W. L. Melville, *A. G. G.*

[1240]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—It will be in the recollection of the Right Honorable the Governor General that during the late war twenty elephants were lent by the Nuwaub Nazim to the Government & I had the honor of conveying to His Highness His Lordships acknowledgements for the loan of them.

2. It has only recently occurred to me that as the whole expense for them while absent was borne by the Nizamut a small present from Government to the persons in charge of them who really underwent many privations & difficulties might be suitable & proper & might be useful on any future occasion. As they were absent nearly two years perhaps Rs. 500 might be regarded as a handsome but not excessive mark of the liberality of Government.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G., Moorshedabad, the 24th March 1827.

W. L. Melville, *Agent Govr. Genl.*

[1241]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Applications are frequently made to me by the poorer members of the Nizamut for loans of small sums for specific purposes to be repaid by monthly instalments. These persons are entitled to some indulgence but it seems scarcely worth while to trouble Government with such details.

2nd. Perhaps therefore the Right Honorable the Governor General will be pleased to authorise the Agent to advance at his own discretion a sum not exceeding Rs. 6,000 per annum in sums not exceeding Rs. 500 each on condition of repayment. On the 30th of April in each year a statement of the sums advanced & recovered may be submitted.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G., Moorshedabad, the 27th March 1827.

W. L. Melville, *Agent Govr. Genl.*

[1242]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir, —I beg to enclose an Audited Bill amounting to Rupees 3,694-10-8 with receipt in Duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G., Moorshedabad, the 27th March 1827.

W. L. Melville, *Agent to the G. G.*

[1243]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—The Nizamut Stipends for December are only partly discharged, those for January, February are due, and those for the current month are nearly due. Understanding some money is expected from Dinagepore, I beg the favor of your informing me whether the whole arrears from that remittance, or when you expect to be able to discharge them.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G., Moorshedabad, the 27th March 1827.

W. L. Melville, *A. G. G.*

[1244]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Having been directed to pay the sum of Rs. 7,792-12-1 from the deposit fund on account of buildings —I beg to enclose my receipt in Duplicate for the amount & will be obliged by your sending me Rs. 1,512-11-6 in Cash & the remainder Rs. 6,280-7 in a Draft on the Sub Treasurer in Calcutta payable to the order of the Registrar of the Supreme Court.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 27 March 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1245]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have had the honor to receive your letter of yesterday's date.

Under Resolutions of Government of the 8th January 1814 it appears that the Collector was directed by the Accountant General on the preceding day "to pay the Nizamut Stipends in preference to every other demand upon his Treasury except the Military"—As you appear however to have considered it your duty to discharge the commercial assignments from the Dinagepore remittance in preference to the Nizamut Stipends allow me to request that you will favor me with an explanation of the cause of what appears a deviation from the instructions in question.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 29th March 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1246]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to report the death of Buttool oonnissa Begum an illegitimate daughter of the Nuwaub Roostum Jung husband of the Sharokh Begum who was a grand-daughter of the Nuwaub Meerun. Buttool-oonissa is termed Ummut oonissa Begum in the 2nd paragraph of the Persian Secretary's letter dated 3rd August 1809. She received an allowance of 25 Rs. under the orders conveyed in the 3rd paragraph of the Deputy Secretary's letter dated the 29th November 1809 & on the death of one of her Father's concubines whose allowances were sanctioned at the same time the Nuwaub Nazim seems to have appropriated to her a farther sum of Rs. 10.

2nd. Her husband Meer Bubber receives an allowance of 70/8 & she has left one daughter to whom I beg to recommend that the mothers allowance of Rs. 25 be given vizt. 15 Rs. to be paid to the Father for her support & 10 Rs. to accumulate for her marriage. The sum of 10 Rs. not sanctioned by Government may properly be resumed.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 29th March 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1247]

J. W. Hogg Esquire,
Register to the Supreme Court, Fort William.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 23rd instant regarding the sum due to you as administrator to the Estate of the late Colonel Parlby I beg leave to forward Major MacLeods receipt for the amount due to the workmen mentioned in my former letter & an order on the Sub Treasurer for the balance.—I have etc.

O. A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 29th March 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1248]

Major MacLeod,
Superintendent of Nizamut Buildings, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 20th Instant I beg leave to inform you that I concur with you as to the expediency of making the bank of the river within the Killah & request that you will be pleased to take measures for carrying on the work without delay at an Expense not exceeding Rs. 1,800.—I have etc.

O. of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 30th March 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1249]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg to transmit a Copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Nizamut Buildings to my address with my reply & adverting to the nature of the work & its probable cost I trust that the Right Honorable the Governor General will not disapprove my having sanctioned its being commenced on immediately.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 30th March 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1250]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I request that you will favor me with a draft for two thousand five hundred Rupees (Sa. Rs. 2,500) on the Sub Treasurer Calcutta payable to my order the

amount to be deducted from the Nizamut stipends for January.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 3rd April 1827. *A. G. G.*

[1251]

Major MacLeod,
Superintendent of Nizamut Buildings, Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit for your information a copy of a letter* from the Deputy Persian Secretary to Government in charge.—I have etc.

*Dated 23 March 1826.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 5th April 1827. *A. G. G.*

[1252]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Not having been favored with the reply to my communication of the 29th Ultimo regarding the preference due to the claims of the Nizamut on your treasury which was promised in your letter of the 2nd instant, allow me again to solicit your attention to the subject.

2nd. I beg to notice that the greatest inconvenience will be experienced in the Nizamut should the arrears not be discharged in full sometime previous to the Eed or in 12 days from the present date.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, W. L. Melville,
the 10th April 1827. *A. G. G.*

[1253]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary in attendance on Governor General.

Sir,—I beg leave to report that I have considered myself obliged to adopt some strong measures in regard to Her Highness the Ameeroon Nissa Begum.

2. I had sometime ago requested Her Highness's interference in arranging the terms on which the Nooroon Nissa Begum one of the daughters of Mubaruk ood Dowlah & her husband the Nuwaub Sulabut Jung who had long been on a footing of bitter enmity should live & in the progress of the affair Her Highness imbibed or affected to imbibe the idea that I had sanctioned the future residence of that Begum in Her Highness's Deorhee. On hearing the Begum was settled there I took the first opportunity to point out that such had never been my intention & on enquiry finding that nothing but evil could be expected from such an arrangement I urged Her Highness to give it up. Finding my remonstrances had no effect I addressed a letter to her to the same purport & happening to be about to proceed on a shooting party during a few days holidays for the Hoolee I expressed the gratification it would afford me if she would previously send the Begum to her own house. I was informed in reply that Her Highness would accede to my wishes.

3. On my return however I found that nothing had been done & on sending another message expressing my surprise was told that in 6 months or a year she would consider of the expediency of complying with my request.

4. Under these circumstances it became necessary to consider whether any or what steps should be adopted to enforce the object.

5. Of all the females of the Nizamut the character of the Nooroon Nissa Begum is I believe unquestionably the worst. I have heard on the best authority instances of her shameless conduct which unless it was deemed necessary I would rather not repeat. Successive Agents have been repeatedly obliged to admonish her in the strongest terms & I beg to enclose a copy of a letter from Mr. Loch to her address pointing out the gross impropriety of her conduct & warning her not to enter any Deorhee without his permission.

6th. I found that the evils naturally to be expected from the admission of such an inmate were all in the course of being realized. Reports the most discreditable to the character of the Doolin Begums Deorhee were in general circulations. Her Highness quarrelled with Every respectable officer on her Establishment for not sharing in her precipitate violence on the subject. She proceeded thro' the medium of others to contract debt in the Bazar. She seemed indeed rapidly losing sight of what she owed to herself to those under her protection & to the Government who for the General benefit had placed her at the head of an Extensive Establishment. It was the private but decided opinion of all that it was absolutely necessary to remove the Nooroon Nissa Begum from her Deorhee.

7. I farther considered that as it was the Nuwaub Sulabut Jungs wish as well as my own that the Begum should return to a house where she had previously resided ; Her Highness could have no possible right to oppose the desire of the husband of the Begum & of the Agent I therefore determined to exert the authority with which I considered myself invested by removing the Begum.

8. The Nuwaub Munglee having offered his mediation to secure the object a farther delay of about a fortnight took place. But finding matters getting worse & that nothing was done & nothing promised I first sent Eunuchs to carry the Begum to her residence & on finding that plan fail by the personal interference of Her Highness, I placed Nizamut Sepoys over the gateways with orders to allow nobody to pass until my object was effected. I farther placed in confinement two of Her Highness's Eunuchs who had been most active in encouraging the opposition I had experienced. These measures had the desired effect. In the course of a few hours the Begum was sent off & of course the restraints were immediately discontinued. I have since been to wait upon Her Highness who was of course considerably irritated, but the ground of disagreement having been removed, I trust things are returning to their ordinary state.

9. I beg that you will do me the favor to assure the Governor General that I am very sensible how desirable it is to avoid having recourse to the extreme measures adopted by me on this occasion, & that nothing but the

strongest conviction of the urgent necessity which existed for removing the Nooroon Nissa Begum & the failure of all other means of accomplishing that object would have impelled me to depart from the mild & conciliatory course which my instructions, no less than my inclination, leads me ordinarily to observe. The occasional violence of Her Highness's temper has been noticed by Mr. Loch & myself, & it cannot always be repressed without the most energetic measures.

10. The propriety of referring for instructions occurred to me but on a full consideration of the whole circumstances it appeared to me preferable to act on my own responsibility rather than to take steps which might eventually bring forward the Government itself on such a question.

11. I do not understand that it is the intention of Her Highness to bring the subject before Government but I have thought it right to submit for His Lordships orders this outline of the measures I adopted & the motives which influenced me.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th April 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1254]

Lieutt. Col. McGregor,
Commanding at Berhampore.

Sir,—His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim proposes to visit the officers of His Majesty's 47th Regiment at Berhampore on Wednesday Evening next at a little after 9 O'Clock may I request the favor of your issuing the necessary orders for his being received with the customary Honors.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 15th April 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1255]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to transmit a Copy of an extract from the Resolution of Government under date the 8th January 1814 referred to in my letter of the 29th Ulto. the circumstances from the Accountant General to your address of the 26th Augt. 1819 does not appear to have been submitted to Government & I propose accordingly to solicit a revision of the subject from the R. H. the Vice President in Council.

In the meantime I should be obliged to you to inform me if you could not set aside a part of the expected remittance for the Nizamut In that case it would under the urgency of the circumstances receive proportion of the sum say one third in bank notes.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 17th April 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1256]

J. Prinsep Esquire,
Secretary Local Committee, Benarus.

Sir,—I have been favored with your letter of the 15th Ultimo regarding the Meer Pooshteh in the City of Benares.

2. On communicating with (torn) Allee respecting his right to that property three other claimants presented themselves and the examination of and determination upon their respective allegations is likely to occupy a considerable time. As they are all however connected with the Nizamut and all willing to complete the bargain with the Rajah I have suggested that they execute a joint deed of sale and that the purchase money remain in deposit until I can determine who among them is entitled to it. To this they are willing to accede.

3. It remains to consider the claim preferred in the Benares Provincial Court. I am informed by Mahumed Allee that a person named Kuramut Ally stating himself to be a Nephew of Roostum Jung the late proprietor presented a petition claiming to sue as a Pauper for the Pooshteh. Being unable however to furnish the security required by the regulations from Pauper Plaintiff his petition was at once rejected & not even notice of the intention to bring the suit has been served on Mahomed Allee. If this statement be correct (and the point could easily be ascertained through any intelligent Wokeel of the Provincial Court) I should scarcely suppose that the Rajah would longer hesitate on such very insufficient grounds to complete his bargain.

4. As the Local Committee have taken an interest in the affair they will perhaps be so good as to authorize you to ascertain if the Rajah is willing to purchase under the circumstances above stated and learning from you that he is I will have the honor to transmit to you a Kubaleh in the usual form & the money may be forwarded by you in like manner thro' the Collector.

5. I beg to enclose a letter from myself to the Rajah to the above effect which I shall be obliged by your forwarding to him.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 17th April 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1257]

Major MacLeod,
Superintendent of the Nizamut Buildings.

Sir,—I beg to send Rupees 600 to be disbursed in adapting the house purchased for the Omdeh Begum for her residence.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 19th April 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1258]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government.

Sir,—I request the favor of your submitting to the right Honorable the Governor General the enclosed copy

of a letter from the Superintendent of Nizamut Buildings.

2. It was originally intended to present the Superintendent with a donation on the completion of the works on which he was engaged but that system having now been relinquished Major MacLeod may perhaps be considered entitled to some compensation for the period of active employment which has already passed.

3. For this reason and also on the grounds stated by Major McLeod himself I beg leave to recommend his application to the favourable consideration of Government.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 19th April 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1259]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government.

Sir,—I beg leave to report the death of Jemrut oon nissa Begum who received an allowance of Rs. 28 per mensem under orders of Government of the 10th April 1818 in reply to Mr. Martin's report of the 6th of that month.

2. The Begum appears to have died seven years ago & her stipend has been silently resumed—As coming under the head Akroobeh in the Serishteh Behla it is however hereditary.

3. It is now claimed by Mirza Ahmed Ally & Sahibeh Begum first cousins of the deceased & it is proposed to settle 18 Rs. on Mirza Ahmed & Rs. 10 on the Begum—I beg leave to recommend that this division be sanctioned.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 21st April 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1260]

Colonel McGregor,
Commanding at Berhampore.

Sir,—I beg leave to inform you that His Highness the Nuwab Nazim proposes to visit the mess-room of His Majesty's 59 Regiment on the evening of Monday the 23d Inst. Allow me to request that he may be received with the customary honors.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 21st April 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1261]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill amounting to Rs. 3,694-10-8 with receipt in duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

W. L. Melville,
the 25th April 1827.
A. G. G.

[1262]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government.

Sir,—I beg leave to transmit for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor General the accompanying copy of a letter which I have this day addressed to the Deputy Persian Secretary to Government.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 25th April 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1263]

S. Fraser Esqr.,
Deputy Persian Secretary to Government in Charge,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have repeatedly had occasion to bring to the notice of Government the delays and irregularities which have been experienced during the last two years in the discharge of the Nizamut Stipends. During the continuance of the war I was averse to press the subject but on the returns of peace it was anxiously hoped that as in former times after periods of similar difficulty the mode of monthly payments might be resumed.

2. Independant of the confusion introduced into the Nizamut arrangements and accounts by these delays, the diminution of its splendour & dignity by the want of funds at moments when they are most required & the extreme hardship sustained by the stipendiaries especially by those of the poorer classes, I beg leave to observe that a large portion of this City is now supported by the Nizamut expenditure & that great misery is occasioned generally by the cessation of the resources it supplies. I had occasion not long ago to inform Government that Moorshedabad had lost its wealthy men & when the stipends are stopped money is scarcely to be procured even by a pledge of property & an exorbitant rate of interest. The general poverty prevents any funds being available to supply the temporary & occasional but large deficiency in the circulation usually filled by the supplies from the Nizamut.

3. These considerations, & the very peculiar claims of this establishment on the justice & generosity of the British Government seem heretofore to have caused considerable attention to be paid to the regular discharge of the allowances. This will appear from the letters of Sir G. Barlow Governor General dated 23rd December 1806 of Mr. Edmonstone Vice President dated 6th June 1815 & of Lord Moira Governor General also in 1815—On some complaints occurring on the 8th January 1814 the Government gave its sanction to an order of the Accountant General to the Collector directing that the Nizamut Stipends should in future be paid "in preference to every other demand on his treasury except the Military." A copy of the proceedings of Government on this subject was transmitted to this office with Mr. Moncktons letter of the 9th of January 1814 & I am unable to trace any subsequent communication in any manner modifying it.

4. Finding notwithstanding that the Collector discharged the Commercial assignments in preference to the stipends I addressed the enclosed letter* to him & beg also to annex a copy of his reply** with its enclosures. From these it appears that by a subsequent letter of the Accountant General but which does not appear to have been submitted to Government he is directed to give the preference to the demands of the Commercial department when very urgent, over the Nizamut Stipends & it is suggested that compensation may if necessary be granted to the Nizamut.

*Dated 29th March 1827

**Dated 11th April 1827.

5. Although these instructions are apparently conditional yet I beg to submit whether they do not really postpone the claims of the Nizamut & render nugatory the orders of Government in its favor. The demands of the Commercial department seem always to be urgent, & it appears to be thought that the credit of a strict adherence by Government to its engagements with the Nizamut is not to be placed in competition with the profits to be obtained by it's trade. I do not I am afraid perfectly understand the purport of the observation regarding granting compensation to the Nizamut & tho' fully disposed to give the late Accountant General credit for sincerity in making the proposition I can scarcely think he seriously meditated carrying it into effect. It must be a very considerable compensation if it is intended really to cover the amount of misery produced by suspending the payments.

6. Nearly four months *stipends are now due some of the great festivals are near approaching & although I have offered to receive a proportion of the arrears in bank notes (which are always parted with at a discount) the Collector informs me that all the cash he expects & much more if he possessed it is required for the Commercial department. Under these circumstances I trust the Government will pardon my reminding it that the Nizamut had always been considered to possess large claims to be favourably considered & that one of the greatest benefits which can now be conferred on it is to secure to it a regular & invariable discharge of the stipends instead of the occasional fluctuating & unsatisfactory mode of payment which has prevailed for the last two years.—I have etc.

*About 4½ lacks of Rupees.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 25th April 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1264]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit Major McLeod's affidavit from the 1st of May to the 31st of December last duly attested.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 1st May 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1265]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Ashrufoon nissa Begum having appointed Lolla Sohunloll to receive her stipend in the room of Gobind Pershaud Roy I have therefore to request you will be pleased henceforth to pay her monthly stipend to Lolla Sohunloll.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 4th May 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1266]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government.

Sir,—I have the honor to report the death of Sultaun Mirza Ibrahim whose claims on the Nizamut were so repeatedly pressed on the notice of Government by the Court of Persia & were fully reported on by Mr. Loch & myself.

2. The first stipend granted to him amounted to Rs. 250 & to this a nominal increase of Rs. 100 was added to admit of a total repayment of Rs. 200 per mensem with a view to discharge the amount Rs. 30,000 advanced from the deposit fund in payment of his debts.

3. He has left one son by the Noorjehan Begum aged about 6 years & adverting to his tender years & to the large allowances of his mother amounting to Rs. 700 I am of opinion that Rs. 100 will for some years be amply sufficient for his maintenance. At a future period this sum may be increased.

4. A Hurm & some old servants may receive according to the annexed memorandum.—I have etc.

One Hurm	15
Mahd. Hussun	10
Khodadad	7
Tomb Exp.	8
	40

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 5th May 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Governor General.

[1267]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government.

Sir,—I have the honor to report the death of Mubaruk oonnissa Begum a daughter of the Nazim Mubaruk ooddowlah & widow of Yasooboodeen Ally Khan.

2. She enjoyed a stipend of Rs. 473 vizt. Rs. 333 as a third of her husbands allowance of Rs. 1,000 & Rs. 140 as an adopted daughter of Bunnee Khanum granted under orders of Government of the 23rd of October 1820.

3. In regard to this latter sum of Rs. 140 as it appears to have been granted as a special indulgence to Mubaruk oon Nissa on grounds that do not demand its continuance I am of opinion that it should now be resumed.

4. The Begum requested that some of her old servants should be provided for but as the sum she proposed to appropriate for the purpose is disproportionate to the amount of the stipend I have altered it as suggested in the margin.

Proposed	
By Begum	
By Agent	
Moonshee	
Hussun Ally	30-15-0
Mohsin Khan	20-10-0
Koorban Ally	15- 7/8
Sungum Loll	15- 7/8
Tomb Expence	0-10-0

5. The balance Rs. 283 may be divided between the two sons of the Begum in proportions of Rs. 150 and Rs. 133. The oldest of them Assif oodeen Ally now receives Rs. 225 & the youngest Ukroomooddeen Ally Rs. 200 from their fathers allowances.

6. From that fund also their own sister Eyncoonnissa received a stipend of Rs. 80. She is also now dead & I beg to recommend that her allowances be equally divided between her brothers.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 5th May 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

1268]

Major MacLeod,
Superintendent of Nizamut Buildings.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th Ultimo regarding the construction of Pucka drains in the Killah prior to the periodical rains.

2. I have already intimated to you verbally my opinion that this work should forthwith be commenced upon & with reference to the 3rd paragraph of Mr. Secretary Stirlings letter of the 24th February 1826 which was transmitted to you with my letter of the 13th March 1826 I can have no hesitation in sanctioning your proceeding with it with all practicable despatch.

3. Adverting to the miserable state of dilapidation & ruin of the buildings occupied by the Bhow Begum & the Nuwaub Begum I beg at the same time to express my anxious hope that you may be able at an early period to complete some part of the accommodation intended for them.

4. The extension of the compound wall of His Highness's new Bungalow at an expense of Rs. 428 seems desirable & I beg that you will be pleased to erect it accordingly.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 5th May 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1269]

Messrs Stacy & Baillie.

Gentlemen,—I understand that the mortgage of the land held by Kanoo Dass Byragee referred to in my letter of the 2nd May last year, has now expired & that it is probable the land will be exposed to sale in satisfaction of the mortgage.

2nd. It appears to me desirable that you should be on the alert to ascertain if the sale will be attempted & in that case you will be prepared to intimate publickly by advertisement or otherwise that His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim from whom the ground is held for a specific purpose will not sanction any transfer of it & will be prepared to assert his right to it against any pretended purchaser.

3. The spot is understood to be mortgaged for Rs. 2,000 & on the Byragees conceding all his claim of every kind to the Nuwaub Nazim I should be willing on the part of His Highness to discharge this amount as noticed in my letter to you of the 24th May last. This sum is understood to be very nearly the value of the property.

4. Another piece of land was granted by a former Nazim for the construction of a grant to Radakishen Bysack & in front of it alluvial ground has been formed. Under the opinion given by Mr. Turton on the 10th of March it would appear Radakishens heirs have no right to it & I request that you will be prepared to advise the Wukeel of His Highness how to resist their threatened attempt to take possession of it.

5. Under the very decided opinion expressed by Mr. Turton that the Supreme Court neither will nor can recognize the Regulation empowering the Agent to the Governor General to sue or be sued on the part of His Highness I suppose there is little room for farther reference. At the same time as Mr. Turton assigns no reason why this Regulation should not be recognized by the Supreme Court & as the effect may be extremely prejudicial to the interests of His Highness I should be glad to have another opinion on the subject.

6. I am not much acquainted with the usual charges for business similar to this & have in the meantime desired the Wukeel of His Highness to settle your account as presented.

7. I enclose a copy of Mr. Turtons opinion of the 10th of March last as requested.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 5th May 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1270]

M. Ricketts Esquire,
Resident of Lucknow.

Sir,—Mirza Mahamed Ally relation of the former Nazims of Bengal is about to proceed to Lucknow for the be[ne]fit of his health & I have been requested to furnish him with a letter of introduction to you. Allow me to request your good offices towards him should he pay his respects to you.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 15th May 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1271]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secretary to Government.

Sir,—I have the honor to report the death of Kumroon nissa Begum who received a stipend of 10 Rups. per mensem as one of the wives of Shuhomut Jung a son-in-

law of Mubarukood dowlah under orders of Government of the 9th November 1809 & beg to recommend that 6 Rs. be settled on Bubber Ally & 4 Rs. on Ameena Begum a son & daughter of Shuhomut Jung.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 19th May 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1272]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I am now concerned to report the death of Mufty Moiz ood deen preceptor to His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim.

2. Owing to some difficulties in points of etiquette arising I believe from the opposition of the Dewan the arrangement proposed in my letter of the 19th of February last regarding Moulovy Fuzloor Ruhman has not been carried fully into effect & under the instructions contained in your letter of the 16th Ulto. I forbore to press it. It now however becomes necessary to determine whether any or what measures should be adopted to supply the place of the late Mufty about His Highness.

3. I am afraid as noticed in your letter of the 16th of March that it must be admitted that no person in the capacity of tutor can now be expected to obtain much influence over the studies or pursuits of His Highness. At the same time adverting to his age & character I should see with regret that he was entirely abandoned to his present advisers [&] associates.

4. If I felt confidence in the straight forward integrity of the Dewan Rae Gungadhur I should willingly leave His Highness in essential points in his hands, but I fear that he looks to obtain favor by subserviency & by seeking to promote the gratification of the Nazim without being very scrupulous as to means.

5. There is no other person of any consideration who seems to possess his confidence or ought to be ordinarily admitted to his presence & I regret to add that his associates generally are mere parasites of depraved habits & disreputable characters. Some of the worst I have occasionally insisted on having removed, but without exercising a more minute & vigorous controul than could well be enforced this very essential point could not be satisfactorily regulated.

6. However little promising the character of His Highness may be I am happy to add that he has not latterly been guilty of those aberrations & gross improprieties which he displayed at one period. The necessity of devising modes of restraint is therefore obviated & I should rather now be anxious to watch & encourage any more favorable indications which might occasionally appear.

7. For this purpose it seems to me that it would be creditable to Government as guardian & might be advantageous to His Highness to place about him a person of character but without exactly designating him as tutor or attempting to give him any direct authority as such— He might attend His Highness in public & could be a creditable associate should he otherwise desire his presence. He might accompany His Highness on his little excursions & check as the late Mufty did any decidedly objectionable conduct. He would farther be a good channel of communication with the Agent & might be rendered useful in various ways.

8. The expense attending the arrangement is the only objection which occurs to me & a part of this may be borne by other available funds. It happens that the highly respectable situation of Head Moonshee in the Nizamut is vacant at present & that no person has any particular claim to fill it. The salary is Rs. 100 & by adding Rs. 200 we might I think secure the services of a person of first rate character who would also be available for the other purposes above designated.

9. There is no person in the Nizamut whom I could recommend for the situation. I am informed however that Hafiz Ahmed Kubeer has filled for sometime the difficult situation of Ameen of the Calcutta Mudurseh with the highest credit & that he is now desirous to quit it. From the accounts I have received of his character & abilities I am led to believe that he would be a valuable acquisition to the Nizamut & should the Right Honorable the Governor General be pleased to sanction the plan I have suggested I beg leave to recommend that I may be authorized to tender the situation to him.

10. Of course unavowed opposition will be experienced from the Dewan—I do not mean to say that he is worse than others of his class but he is obviously neither a man of high character nor a man of business. His smooth manners & tact in the art of pleasing might render him a useful medium of communication with an intractable Nazim but other qualifications were requisite to enable him to fill with credit the high situation to which he has been elevated. To this subject however I may find it necessary again to advert at a future opportunity. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 19th May 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. Genl.

[1273]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In consequence of the delays in the payment of the Nizamut stipends I request the favor of your crediting Chundernarrain Rae Mahashy whose estate I understand is advertised for sale in liquidation of arrears of revenue with the sum of Rs. seventeen thousand & of your deducting that amount from the Nizamut stipends for April.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 22nd May 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1274]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill amounting to Rs. 3,694-10-8 with receipt in duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 23rd May 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1275]

Major MacLeod,
Superintendent of Nizamut Buildings.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit a Copy of a letter from the Persian Secretary to Government sanctioning an Expenditure not exceeding Rs. eighteen hundred for repairing the bank of the River in the Killah.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 24th May 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1276]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to transmit my receipts in duplicate for Rs. five hundred being a donation from Government to the persons in charge of the Nizamut Elephants, while "employed on the public service as sanctioned by Mr. Secretary Stirling's letter of the 27th Ultimo & will thank you to send me the amount in cash.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 27th May 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1277]

S. Fraser Esqr.,
Deputy Persian Secretary to Government,
Fort William.

Sir,—I am sorry to inform you for the information of His Excellency the Right Honorable the Vice President in Council, that the Nuwaub Abool Hussun, who returned to Moorshedabad soon after I received your letter of the 25th of October last, has again suddenly eloped, & I understand he has proceeded to Calcutta.

The Nuwaubs intellects are so much impaired, & he was living in a state of such extreme destitution & misery, that I have lately found it necessary to appoint a manager to take charge of his person & affairs. There can be no doubt of his incompetence to transact ordinary business, or to take care of himself & his property.

I beg, therefore, to suggest, that he be required, &, if necessary, compelled, to return to Moorshedabad.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 29th May 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1278]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government.

Sir,—I have the honor to report the deaths of the following Rajmehal stipendiaries.

2. Shahzadee Begum, daughter of the Nawaub Julleel ood deen She left no children & the Nuwaub Mudarrod Dowlah recommends that the allowance of Rs. 38, which was held jointly with her sister Ush oof Nissa, should be continued in that sister's name.

3. Also of Khoolsom Begum, receiving an allowance of Rs. 9-6 As. which it is proposed to settle on her son, Meer Hussun Ally, who receives already a stipend of Rs. 14-1A.

4. Also of Hyder Ally and Husseince Begum, without offspring children of Meer Fuzul Ally—They received Rs. 28-2 As. as Akroobah and 48 Rs. as children of a son-in-law of the Nuwaub Rukunoodowlah. The Nuwaub Mudarood Dowlah proposes the following distribution.

	Rs.
Nooroon Nissa daughter of Fuzul Ally . .	15- 0
Dhace of Fuzul Ally's late son	3- 2
Meer Nuzur Ally, nephew of Fuzul Ally . .	10- 0
To accumulate for the marriage of Mudarood Dowlah's daughter, Oomdah Begum aged about 10 years	20- 0
Resumed	28- 0

5. Also of Sahibzadee Begum, sister of Muddarood Dowlah leaving one daughter on whom, it is proposed to settle her mother's allowance of Rupees 50 ; Of this sum 25 Rs. will be sufficient for her present subsistence & the remainder may accumulate for her marriage.

6. The several recommendations appear to be proper & I beg to recommend that they be complied with.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 29th May 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1279]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government.

Sir,—I have now the honor to transmit for the purpose of being submitted to the Right Honorable the Governor General a copy of Capt. Ruddells Report dated 13th February 1827 on the result of the late examination of the students in the Nizamut College & School. I trust that it will be considered by His Lordship not unsatisfactory.

2. On the 6th of April His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim at my suggestion conferred a Khillut on Mahomed Hussein Khan & shawls on the other students who had distinguished themselves at the examination.

3. I have since in concert with Capt. Ruddell revised the list of students & removed those who from advanced age & slow progress appeared not likely to profit much from the instruction afforded. These places have been filled by younger students selected at a public *examination conducted by Captain Ruddell & the Number of candidates who presented

*Report dated 10th April made on Capt. Ruddell's return from the Western Provinces whither he had proceeded on leave of absence.

themselves afforded a convincing testimony that the system pursued is regarded with general satisfaction.

4. I have urged on the teachers the expediency of adopting Captain Ruddells recommendation not to lose too much time on Elementary works. There is some reluctance to deviate from the usual course but I trust it may be overcome.

5. I feel much indebted to Captain Ruddell who cheerfully undertook all the labour imposed upon him without any remuneration.

6. I have had every reason to be satisfied throughout the year with the conduct of the teachers & especially of the Head, Mudurris Moulvy Fuzloor Ruhman. The only person I have had occasion to admonish is the teacher of the Sheah sect selected here and I trust he has benefited by the warning.

7. Adverting to the novelty of the Institution & to the desirableness of attracting public attention to the advantages it holds out I have been averse at once to abolish the stipends received by persons unconnected with the Nizamut as suggested in your letter of the 21st July last & I trust that His Lordship will be pleased to allow a gradual diminution of them, none of the collegians receive the higher rates originally admitted extraneous scholars from 6 Rs. to 4 Rs. per mensem. Thus in the course of one or two years these Bursaries may be confined to a trifling amount or abolished altogether. The allowance of scholars connected with the Nizamut I propose shall remain fixed at 6 Rs. The immediate connections of His Highness decline receiving anything & no special provision regarding relations is at present required.

8. In conclusion I trust I may be permitted to express my hopes that the Students in this College may be allowed to participate in the privileges conferred by Reg. XI 1826 on students educated in any other Colleges established or supported by Government.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 31st May 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1280]

S. Fraser Esqr.,
Deputy Persian Secretary to Government.

Sir,—Seit Bishen Chund proposes to proceed on a pilgrimage to Jaganath & has solicited me to obtain for him an order from His Excellency the Vice President in Council exempting him from the payment of Duties.

2nd. I observe that a similar indulgence was granted to the principal Member of this Family as communicated in Mr. Monckton's letter of the 3rd February 1812. I am unable to trace in the records of this office the result of an application made by Seit Bishen Chund & communicated in Mr. Stirling's letter of the 29th October 1824 but I learn from the Seit that it was successful & adverting to the tenor of Mr. Loch's letter of the 2nd November following I should suppose the statement was substantially correct.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 1st June 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1281]

The Clerk of the Committee of Stationery, Calcutta.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose an Indent for stationery required for the current year and which I request you will have the goodness to forward to me. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 2d June 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. Gl.

Enclosure
Indent of stationery required for the use of the Office of Agent to the Governor General at Moorshedabad for the year 1827

Articles	Required for 1827
Large Book	1
Royal or Imperial Paper	6 q.
General letter Paper	½ R.
Quarto Post	1 R.
Folio Post	12 q.
Foolscap	1 R.
Slices	2
Hone	1
Tape	16 Bundles
Straps	2
Penknives	3
Leaden chest Inkstands	2
Sealing Wax	80
Large scissors	1
Small Ditto	2
Compasses	1
Wafers	2 boxes
Indian Rubber	1 bottle
Marble Paper	10 S.
Blotting Ditto	2 q.
Black Ink Powder	24 Bundles
Red Ditto	6 Ditto
Paste Boards	12
Pencils	12
Quills	500
Sand	½ S
Pounce	1 Bundle
Leaden Weight	2
Erazors	2
Paper for Envelope	1 R.

Office of A G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 2d June 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1282]

J. Prinsep Esqr.,
Secretary Local Committee, Benarus.

Sir,—I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 21 Ultimo with its enclosures regarding the Meer Pooshteh.

2d. With reference to the account forwarded by the Rajah Mohemed Ally observes that Kullean Sing obtained possession of the property soon after the payment of the Rs. 5,000 in 1821 & has ever since held it. The Letters therefore cannot be responsible for balances accruing after that date (termed in the English account "here of this place Rs. 200") or for "expense for collec-

tions" in lieu of interest Rs. 192. The Rent formerly obtained was from 50 to 70 per mensem & if a just account of the collection subsequent to the transfer is rendered there will be allowed a set off for the interest of Rs. 5,000. But if all claim to these items (of Rs. 392) is abandoned the sellers are willing on their part to give up all claim to the collections during the period in question.

3d. Trusting you will be able to arrange this point with the Rajah I have the honor to enclose a deed of sale conveying the property to him duly executed.

4th. I shall be obliged by your remitting the balance of the purchase money Rs. 14,400 by an order on the Collect (torn) here in favor of the Agent to the Governor General at Moorshedabad.

5th. Mahomed Ally has solicited me to endeavor to obtain from Mehboob Ally Khan & Hyder Ally heirs of Wajid Ally Khan of Benares to whom the Pooshteh was formerly mortgaged on account of the sums paid to them by Mahomed Ally's Agent on the transfer of the mortgage from him to Kullean Sing. Although not immediately connected with the present transaction yet as Mohomed Ally has shewn himself so willing to meet the wishes of the Local Committee. Allow me to request the favor of yours attempting to obtain the account in question I enclose a memorandum in Persian of what is required I also beg to enclose an answer to the Rajahs letter to my address.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 4th June 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent to the Govr. Genl.

[1283]

C. Bayley Esqr.,
Commercial Resident at Patna Ghazeepore.

Sir,—Although the supply of saltpetre to the Nizamut has been for sometime suspended & the price of it is no longer to be charged to Government yet allowance [allow me?] to hope that you will continue to forward for His Highness the quantity required & the price of it on receiving the account will be discharged by me.

2d. The supply required for the years consumption is about Maunds 500 & I should be obliged by your dispatching that quantity during the rains so as to arrive while the river remains open.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 6th June 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1284]

H. Wood Esquire,
Accountant General, Fort William.

Sir,—Having communicated with the Collector regarding the state of his Treasury I beg leave in continuation of my letter of the 2d Instant to suggest that you immediately dispatch to him for the use of the Nizamut the amount of one months stipend Rs. 1,16,000 in bank notes. The distress is so great & the expected cash remittances will be so [in]adequate to relieve it that the notes will be very acceptable, but, I trust their being received (illegible) may not be regarded as a precedent for that mode of payment being adopted in future.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 6 June 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1285]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 23d ulto. regarding the payment of 17,000 to Chundernarain Roy Muhashay & as it would be inconvenient to the Nizamut to disburse the amount from the February or March stipends while it would cheerfully pay the sum from those for April if enabled to do so, I trust you will not allow a little deviation from the usual form of your account to obstruct the settlement of the affair in the manner proposed. I feel convinced the department of accounts would not under the circumstances object to allowing such an indulgence to the Nizamut.

2d. In this hope I have the honor to enclose my receipt for Rs. 17,000 for the month of April.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 6 June 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1286]

G. Warde Esquire,
Mofussil Special Commissioner, Allahabad.

Sir,—I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 14th Ultimo & agreeably to the request therein contained caused your notification to be served on Jamulood Deen Ally Khan & beg to enclose his acknowledgement.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 7th June 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1287]

Sir R. Martin Bt.,
Senior Judge and the other Judges of the Court of Appeal, Moorshedabad.

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to enclose a copy of my Proceedings of the 19 Ultimo together with the papers therein referred to for the information of the Court.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 15 June 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1288]

Major MacLeod,
Superintendent of Nizamut Buildings.

Sir,—I beg to annex a copy of a letter from the Persian Secretary to Government under date the 23d Ultimo for your information.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 16th June 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1289]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government.

Sir,—The Nuwaub Soulut Jung who is now here has expressed a hope that his youngest son may be honored with a title & as it appears that his younger brother received one it appears reasonable that his request should be complied with.

2. I understand that the Nuwab's eldest son the Nuwaub Jaffer Jung received his title in a letter addressed to him by the Governor General. At the same time with reference to the annexed letter dated 14th Nov. 1820 from the Acting Persian Secretary I am not sure whether the Nuwaub Nazim may not be considered competent to confer the distinction solicited.

3. The following is the title which the Nuwaub wishes his son to be distinguished by Mobaruzol molk Zeaauddowlah Siyad Mohamed Hossein Khan Bahadoor Tahowver Jung.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 19th June 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1290]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government.

Sir,—I beg leave to report the death of Meer Mahomed Ally one of the sons of Mubaruk ooddowlah.

2. His character was noticed in favorable terms by Mr. Monckton & Mr. Loch & it was indeed excellent. He was however sadly deficient in prudence & his affairs were involved in almost inextricable embarrassment.

3. He has left an only child a daughter by a Minkooah Sukeeneh otherwise Pootee Begum No. 6 of Mr. Lochs list of the 30th August 1824 & for whose marriage a grant of Rs. 5,000 was recommended. It is proposed to unite her to a son of the Nuwaub Munglee's & I beg leave to suggest that I may be permitted to disburse this sum accordingly, As she inherits nothing & in consideration of the good character of the late Nuwaub I beg leave farther to recommend that I may be empowered to advance if necessary a farther sum of Rs. 2,500 to establish her suitably to be repaid in monthly instalments from the stipend now to be assigned to her.

4. The only case similar to Sukeeneh Begums which I can trace is that of Mureeum Begum who besides her Rajmehal allowances had a grant of Rs. 500 per mensem but has only received Rs. 250 & on this point I shall I believe shortly have occasion to furnish a separate Report.

5. I beg to propose that a total sum of Rs. 500 be granted in like manner to this family—of this sum Rs. 194 may be appropriated as noted in the margin* & the balance Rs. 306 will form the allowance of the young Begum.

*Hooroonissa Khanum Minkooah mother of Pootee Begum	.	35
Sukeeneh Khanum Minkooah		30
Bunnoo Khanum	Do.	25
Buratee Khanum	Do.	30
Khoas Buktawur	Do.	3
Do. Hoormut	.	2/8
Do. Humeshu Buhar		3
Do. Tohfa		3
Zyneool Hubsh		2/8
Kookee Peerun		3
Ussud Ally Mokhtar		20
Ihsan Ally	.	10
Yar Ally	.	12
Tomb expences		15

6. I beg leave to suggest that the opportunity be taken of encreasing the allowance of the Nuwaub's sister the Jigree Begum. Her stipend was fixed at Rs. 325 per mensem by orders of Government of the 5th July 1811—& so low a scale was adopted avowedly in consequence of the then pressing wants of the Nizamut—All the other daughters of Mubaruk ooddowlah who are widows receive much more & she has long & pressingly urged her claim to her mothers allowance of Rs. 150 which was resumed in 1820.

7. The Begum bears a fair character & on the whole I beg to recommend that an encrease of Rs. 125 be now granted making a total allowance of Rs. 450 per mensem.

8. The balance of Meer Mahomed Allys stipend Rs. 375 may be resumed.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 20th June 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1291]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to acquaint you that Noorjehan Begum, who receives from your Treasury a monthly stipend of 1,300 Rups. has appointed Hurloll, the bearer of this letter, to act as her Mookhtear in the room of Mirza Mahomed Hussun I have therefore to request you will be pleased henceforth to pay her monthly stipend to Hurlall.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 20th June 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1292]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I request the favor of your paying to Moonshee Hubeeboollah Bareedar of the Behla department the sum of four thousand five hundred Rupees on account of the

arrear of stipend due to the Nuwaub Abool Hussun conformably to the Statement received with your letter of the 28th July 1826.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 23rd June 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1293]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill amounting to Sa. Rs. 3,694-10-8 with receipt in duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 23rd June 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1294]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose my duplicate receipts for Sicca Rs. 4,000 & request you will be pleased to pay the amount to the bearer.

2d. I request that you will be pleased to deduct from the Nizamut stipends Rs. 1,000 per annum and credit it to the Nizamut Deposit Fund until the sum of Rups. 4,000 advanced to Oomdutoon Nissa Begum shall have been repaid.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 28th June 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1295]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose my duplicate receipts for Sa. Rs. 10,500 for the purposes therein specified and to request you will be pleased to pay the amount to the bearer.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 28th June 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1296]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government.

Sir,—Mr. Loch recommended that Roohunissa Begum daughter of Hadi Ally Khan No. 10 of his report should receive from the deposit fund Rupees 4,000, as a marriage portion. It seems however that there is no prospect of her being so settled and she has applied for some relief from the state of poverty in which she is plunged and for assistance in providing a suitable residence.

2. With reference to her connection with Juffer Ally Khan as stated by Mr. Loch, I beg leave to recommend that I may be authorized to disburse the sum in question for her benefit.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 28th June 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1297]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secretary to Government.

Sir,—From the Report of the Committee of 1802 it appears that Ameeneh Begum daughter of a brother of the wife of Jaffer Ally Khan received 70 Rs. per mensem.

2. On her death her daughter Zeboonissa inherited the Stipend & she was succeeded by her three sons Meer Mahomed Meer Ahmed & Meer Husseen The oldest of these received Rs. 25 He is now dead & his two brothers claim to succeed him.

3. Under the orders conveyed in your letter of the 24th Ultimo I am not sure however if this stipend should be continued & beg to solicit the instructions of the Right Honorable the Governor General regarding it.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 29th June 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1298]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secretary to Government.

Sir,—I beg to report the death of Beebbee Kureeman Sister of Suwmee Ally Khan Father of the Bubboo Begum—She received Rs. 100 per mensem from the Deorhee Muhul Serai in the Behla department.

2. Half of the Stipend was proposed to be resumed to add to the funds required for the Nuwaub Begum mother of His present Highness—The other half I beg that I may be allowed to settle on the children & grandchildren of the deceased with the distinct understanding that it is not to be continued after their deaths.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 29th June 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1299]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit a copy of a letter from the Collector of this district.

2. He states that it was formerly the practice to issue letters of advice to him authorising payments made to or through this Office & as the practice no longer obtains he solicits the issue of an order abrogating it.

3. It occurs to me that the simplest & most satisfactory mode of arranging the business will be that the Agent shall furnish the Collector together with his receipts with extracts from the orders of Government sanctioning the payment.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 30th June 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1300]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secretary to Government.

Sir,—A sum of four thousand Rupees has been disbursed in purchasing some old houses on the south West side of the Killuh to continue the boundary along the high road & complete the new arrangements in that quarter.

2. I beg leave to recommend that I may be authorised to disburse this sum from the deposit fund.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 3rd July 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1301]

S. Fraser Esqr.,
Deputy Persian Secretary to Government in Charge.

Sir,—Being unable to procure white belts for the Sepoys on the Establishment of His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim & it being desired that they should make a creditable appearance on the approaching visit of the Governor General it has occurred to me that His Excellency the Vice President in Council may perhaps be pleased to allow this part of their accoutrements to be furnished from the public stores, provided they can be spared without inconvenience—The Number required is about six hundred & they will be paid for as they are supplied.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th July 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1302]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I request the favor of your furnishing me with an order on the Resident of Delhi in favor of Colonel Skinner C. B. for Rs. twenty five thousand (Rs. 25,000) on account of the Nizamut stipends for June.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th July 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1303]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government.

Sir,—In fixing the Establishment of this Office no allowance was made for contingencies, & preceding Agents appear to have appropriated certain funds incidentally at their disposal to providing the few articles occasionally required under this head—None such have been available since I took charge.

2. A sum of Rs. 428 is now required for Office furniture repairs of Assas & Sontehs &ca. which I beg that I may be authorised to disburse.

3. A sum of Rs. 10 per mensem, if authorised to be drawn regularly, would probably preclude the necessity of making any similar application in future.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 19th July 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1304]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 16th Instant I beg to send my receipts for Rups. 25,000 in part payment of the June stipends.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 19th July 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1305]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government.

Sir,—I beg leave to report that the son of the Nowab Nazim whose birth I reported on the 7th of December last, died on the 12th Ultimo.

2. His Highness had a daughter by a concubine on the 31st May 1827.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 21st July 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1306]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill amounting to Sa. Rs. 3,694-10-8 with receipts in duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 23d July 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1307]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In consequence of a change of circumstances it is desirable to transmit a smaller sum to Coll. Skinner than that mentioned in my letter of the 19th Instt. I beg therefore to return your draft & to enclose my receipts for Rs. 10,000 & shall be obliged by your favoring me with an order of the former tenor to that amount returning my receipts for Rs. 25,000 for the purpose of being cancelled.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 24 July 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1308]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I request the favor of your informing me if you expect to be in cash to discharge the Nizamut stipends for June & for the current month at an early period.

2. If you have no information of an early remittance the wants of the Nizamut at the Mohurrem are so pressing that they would be willing to receive one months stipends in bank notes & I accordingly request the favor of your applying to the Accountant General for a Lack of Rupees to be sent up by Dawk if you have not that amount in your treasury.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 24th July 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1309]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government.

Sir,—The character of the Nuwaub Abool Casim Khan better known as the Nuwab Munglee is I believe justly appreciated by Government. In a corrupt Court the uniform respectability he has almost alone maintained through a long life has obtained for him repeated marks of the favor of Government & the respect of all classes of the natives in this City.

2. I understand although not from himself that it would be peculiarly gratifying to him if the Right Honorable the Governor General would be pleased as a special mark of favor on his approaching visit to exempt him from the ordinary usage of presenting his Nuzzur. Fully aware of the objections to Establishing inconvenient precedents, I still beg leave, very respectfully, to recommend, this mark of special consideration to His Lordships notice. The Nuwaub's age, his high character, & his situation, as next heir to the minor Nuwaub Nazim combine to present a claim not likely to be again united in the same individual.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 21st Augt. 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1310]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill amounting to Sicca Rs. 3,694-10-8 with receipts in duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 23rd Augt. 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1311]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit for your information an Extract (para. 4) of a letter from the Persian Secretary to Government under date the 25th Ultimo.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 23rd Augt. 1827.

W. L. Melville,
A. G. G.

[1312]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I understand a considerable remittance has been received into your Treasury from Patna & adverting to the near approach of the Right Honorable the Governor General & the various Expences incurred in the Nizamut on the occasion & also to the stipends for August being actually due the day after tomorrow allow me to express a hope that you will reserve a sum equal to discharge them on that day.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 30th Augt. 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1313]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of yesterdays date I beg to enclose my receipt for Forty thousand Rupees & would feel obliged by your paying the amount on account of the August stipends.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 1st Septr. 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1314]

H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Sir,—In conformity with the orders contained in the letter of the Persian Secretary to Government under date the 27th July 1826 I beg leave to report that I engaged actively in an enquiry into the state of the affairs of the minor Juggut Seith (Gobindchund).

2. I found among other particulars that he had a claim amounting to nearly two lacks of Rupees on the Zemindars of Jehangeerpoor in the district of Dinagepore, after much negotiation finding some difficulty in coming to a settlement with those persons a suit was instituted against them in the Court of Appeal & as the estate was advertised for sale for an arrear of about Rs. 15,000 & a public sale appeared inexpedient at the moment a petition was recently presented to the Court of Appeal praying in conformity with the Regulations that the arrear might be received from Juggut Seith & that the Estate might be attached pending the decision of the suit.

3. In carrying this through, delays arose from procuring a copy of the advertisement of sale to file with the petition from the term allowed by the Court for the defendant to furnish security & from other unavoidable causes not I think ascribable to Juggut Seith. The sale was fixed for Thursday the 23rd Ultimo at the office of the Board of Revenue & although an impression prevailed that the estate would not be sold yet on Monday the 20th I dispatched a letter to the Board of Revenue a copy of which is annexed soliciting under the very peculiar circumstances of the case a postponement for twelve days & pointing out that I was engaged in making arrangements for the discharge of the arrear. Under the erroneous impression that the Board in the exercise of the ample discretion vested in it would attend to my request I proceeded to make provision for the discharge of the balance due by the Zemindar within the term I had solicited & had completed them—when I learned two days ago that the estate had been actually sold on the day fixed vizt. the 23rd ultimo.

The Moorshedabad Dawk of Monday reaches Calcutta on Wednesday.

4. Not having been honored by the Board with any reply to the communication I had taken the liberty to address to them I am unable to explain the causes of my disappointment but one fact falling within my own knowledge I am desirous to bring distinctly to the notice of Government—A person here of whose character & responsibility there cannot be a doubt offered through me a lack & a half of Rupees (or about 15 years purchase) for the estate & is now willing to give that sum another person made a still higher offer & the estate I am informed was nevertheless actually sold at the Board of Revenue for one lack of Rupees.

5. I need not dwell on the extraordinary measures Government have latterly felt themselves called on to take in consequence of the sale of Estates for an inadequate consideration but I trust I may be permitted to remark that the above facts appear to prove either that the Officers of Government have hitherto failed in obtaining that full free & open competition which ensures to the defaulter the full value of his property or that fraudulent & fictitious sales may still be effected. I would beg leave farther however to submit that whatever may be the letter of the law the Government is bound by a regard to its own character as well as in justice & equity to secure for the seller something like the value of his property whenever it has recourse to the extreme measure of taking the sale of it out of his own hands.

6. Under what circumstances Government avail themselves of certain powers reserved to them to annul sales I am wholly uninformed but as it occurs to me that under the Regulations they might perhaps be justified in interfering in the case, I have had the honor to detail I have been desirous to loose no time in submitting it for the consideration & orders of His Lordship in Council.

7. What measures it may be necessary for the unfortunate Seith to adopt I am not prepared to say and indeed I simply wish at present to submit the above circumstances reserving his affairs generally for a separate Report in the Persian Department.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 3rd Septr. 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1315]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose letters from the Nuwaub Soulut Jung & his younger son the Nuwaub Tuhuwur Jung in reply to those recently received from the Right Honorable the Governor General, conferring titles of Tuhuwur Jung.

2. These letters were accompanied by Nuzzers which I returned, with an intimation that it was not usual for the Governor General to accept of them, & that the tender of them would be deemed a sufficient mark of respect & attachment.

3. The Nuwaub & his son have also addressed letters to you on the occasion, & I have the pleasure to enclose them.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 4th Septr. 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1316]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government.

Sir,—In continuation of my letter of the 14th April last I beg leave to report that under circumstances nearly

similar to those before detailed I have again found it necessary to remove the Nooroon-Nissa Begum from the Deorhee of Her Highness the Doolin Begum.

2nd. I am now desirous to obtain the sanction of the Right Honorable the Governor General to the removal of the Nooroon-Nissa Begum from Moorshedabad & the conduct of her two sons being extremely disorderly & discreditable & as they are altogether beyond controul it seems desirable that they should accompany her.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 5th Septr. 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1317]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government.

Sir,—In conformity with the desire of the Nuwaub Nazim I request the favor of your submitting to the Right Honorable the Governor General the accompanying Translation & copy of a letter from His Highness to my address together with copies of a Perwanneh & of a letter from me to His Highness therein referred to.

2. The communication of His Highness is of so extraordinary a character that I really feel at a loss how to treat it—was I to endeavour to explain every circumstance & to expose every misrepresentation referred to in it I am afraid the detail would extend to a length which the weight of the allegations do not demand while I could scarcely submit it within the period in which I am desirous that it should come under His Lordships consideration I have therefore merely affixed a few notes to the letter & beg leave to add the following observations.

3. The Chief complaint of His Highness appears to be that he has not been sufficiently consulted in Nizamut affairs & that Everything has gone wrong in consequence.

4. His Highness Perwanneh however (without going farther) seems sufficient to evince what he means by being consulted. The tone & character of that paper indeed almost render comment superfluous. It will be in the recollection of His Lordship that the Naib Dewan was appointed by Government in its capacity of Guardian yet His Highness still a Minor says "I have nominated you Naib Dewan with a view" & then talks of taking the management of business into his own hands & dismissing the Naib Dewan if in the opinion of His Highness the affairs of the Nizamut are neglected—He concludes with desiring that the general state of affairs may be reported to him & that business may be conducted in conformity with his orders & seems utterly forgetful of the relation of Ward in which he has been placed by Government. To attempt to reason on such puerilities is surely unnecessary.

5. On my letter to His Highness on the occasion it does not become me to offer any remark. His Lordship will determine whether in the execution of the trust reposed in me interference on my part was or was not necessary and whether the manner & measure of that interference were suitable to the occasion.

6. I can conscientiously affirm that I have always been alive to the propriety & importance of gradually initiating His Highness into the conduct of business but unfortunately he has imbided very lofty but entirely erroneous opinions of his own qualifications—All my efforts accordingly to induce him to engage cheerfully in any useful enquiry or employment have proved of no avail.

7. As a proof of the unfortunate temper & disposition which characterise him I may be allowed to adduce one among many recent instances.

8. The extraordinary circumstances under which on a recent occasion I forcibly removed the Noor ool Nissa Begum from the Deorhee of Her Highness the Ameerool Nissa Begum will be in the recollection of His Lordship.

9. The measure I adopted on that occasion was I was informed by the Dewan entirely conformable with His Highness's opinion I therefore learned with no small surprise that about a month afterwards His Highness had despatched a considerable Suwarree publicly to reconduct the Noor ool Nissa Begum to the Deorhee of Her Highness. After remaining there a day or two she returned home but under all the circumstances of this case I cannot sufficiently lament that His Highness so entirely lost sight of what was due alike to the character of His House & to me.

10. Regarding His Highness's pursuits or his associates I trust His Lordship may very shortly have an opportunity of obtaining information from other sources. The difficulty of devising any method of effectually restraining him in these points was unfortunately early discovered & the result however much to be regretted would not probably under any circumstances have been different.

11. If I have correctly represented him it will not be surprising that a person holding the situation I have the honor to fill has failed in obtaining his confidence or that he will take a perverted view of my every act & vent his complaints in language similar to that which occasions the present references.

12. Some words in the Persian letter are unusual & disrespectful & did it not contain a complaint against myself I should on this ground have declined to receive it.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 5th Septr. 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

Enclosure No. 1.

Translation of a Purwaneh issued by His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim to the Naib Dewan bearing no date.

Gour Mundul, Gour Fotadar, Jeetoo, Lochun, Ramlochun Paul and others, Farmers of the village of Hanreebhangah, have presented a petition, setting-forth the grievances they experience from the officers of the Sircar, a copy of which accompanies this Purwaneh, & which you will read & make yourself acquainted with the nature of the complaint it contains, and that you will in one week's time report the particulars of the case, when the necessary orders will be issued thereon. It appears from the contents of the Petition that all the Rumnah Muhals belonging to the Sircar are in a bad & impoverished state, a circumstance which has never been brought to my knowledge, it therefore becomes necessary

that I should repair to the spot & enquire personally into every particulars & issue the requisite orders. Abuses seem not only to prevail in the management of the villages, but throughout the affairs in general, & this solely proceeds from neglect on your part. I have nominated you Naib Dewan with the view that you should be attentive towards all the affairs connected with the Sircar, & that you should discharge your trust with fidelity, & not that you should for the sake of your own interest neglect & ruin them. Should business Continue thus neglected, it will become necessary in me to superintend them, trivial as they may be, in that case your remaining or not remaining will be alike—so much neglect in the discharge of business appearing to the Nizamut was never expected, and should it occur again, I shall be highly displeased—You will consider me attentive in all affairs connected with the Sircar, & that you will from this date make known to me the general state of affairs, and act according to my orders.

Enclosure No. 2.

Translation of a Letter from the Agent to the Governor General to His Highness the Nuwab Nazim, Dated the 29th May, 1827.

I understand that you have issued Purwanehs to the Dewan & Naib Dewan, from which it would appear that the purport of the orders issued by the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in a Letter dated the 4th March 1825 has probably escaped your memory, altho' I have from time to time written to you, & likewise made known to you thro' the medium of Mooftee Mohomed Moiz, that if you would attend to your studies, & obtained a tolerable knowledge, you should be gradually introduced into the discharge of business of the Nizamut ; whether you have paid any attention to this or not, is better known to yourself. With respect to other matters alluded to in your Perwaneh, if you will only attentively consider, you will find two or three words therein used to have been inserted in a hurry. Exclusive of this, some persons have formed your constant associates who once before were ordered to be removed, but they still continue, & if they remain, the necessary measures must be taken, with further reference to you. I request that whatever you may feel inclined to have done in the Nizamut, you will make known to me, & the necessary orders will be duly issued by me.

Enclosure No. 3.

Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim to the Agent to the Governor General, Dated the 23rd Zuhijjee 1242 Hijree.

After the usual compliments.

Your letter of the 29th May 1827 on the subject of my having issued Purwanahs to the Dewan & Naib Dewan, from the tenor of which you infer that the orders contained in a letter from the Right Honorable the Governor General dated the 4th March 1825 has escaped my memory, and containing allusions to other circumstances, has been received.

His Lordship is my Patron. It is his earnest desire that the Nizamut should prosper but with respect to the substance of His Lordships letter, allow me to say that it has not escaped my memory, nor has it been forgotten by the Ministers attached to the Sircar, who have not failed to regulate their conduct by the orders it contains. If the issue of a Purwanah to the Dewan & Naib Dewan be considered by you to be contrary to the orders of His Lordship, it is much to be regretted because they are the servants of the Nizamut nominated exclusively for the management of its affairs, what harm, can arise from the issue of Purwannahs to them? In the letter from His Lordship, there does not appear any prohibition for the issuing of Purwannahs ; and I am confident that my interference with details of the nature alluded to is proper, assists my education & I have no doubt it will be approved by His Lordship, and likewise by yourself. My motive for issuing the Purwannahs was with the view of ascertaining the facts, and then according to my poor wisdom, referring the matter to you, for the ultimate sanction of His Lordship, to carry my wishes into effect. But interested people, without understanding the exact nature of my motives, have misrepresented the case to you, and my intention has been consequently prevented from being executed.* What I felt desirous of effecting was far from being improper, or repugnant to the wish of His Lordship, but when my Ministers are neglectful, and self interested and conduct the business of the Sircar contrary to Established rules, contributing thereby to lessen the grandeur of my Family, how can I, under such circumstances, remain silent, without instituting an Enquiry.

You have written to me, that you had intimated to me both by letters, and by verbal messages thro' Moofty Mohomed Moiz, that if I continued attentive to my studies, I should, in that case, be introduced gradually into the conduct of business connected with the Nizamut. It is very true, that you have advised me by letters, and by Messages thro' the Moofty to be diligent in my studies, and whenever my health admitted, and whenever the Mooftee attended, I did not fail to attend to them. On the illness of Moofty, I sent for Meer Hosein Fazel** who is known to be a man of great abilities and who is a Peish Imam, & likewise an Akorba and took my lessons from him, this circumstance is well known to you. You have more than once written to me, admonishing me to persevere in my Learning you have thereby conferred a great favor on me, and I am likewise very thankful to His Lordship for the desire he manifests for my well doing. I am aware that I shall derive much benefit from my studies ; but you must consider that since my installation (thro' the kindness of His Lordship) to the Musnud, the state of affairs has been much confused, besides this several unpleasant incidents (Mukroohats) have occurred & brought to my knowledge, tending to diminish the dignity of my station, for which I am much afflicted. The consideration of these things ; added to my ill health, has greatly affected my mind. Much study, consequently cannot be expected. However I

* A reference to the Perwaneh itself appears sufficiently to evince whether it was or was not of the character here indicated.

** This person informs me he attended His Highness three or perhaps four times for the purpose of instruction & read a little to him. For the last five or six months he has either been sick or in Calcutta & indeed I am afraid the whole was a mere pretence.

have not been wanting in my endeavours to acquire knowledge, yet the acquisition of perfect knowledge requires time. But whether I have, or have not attained sufficient knowledge to distinguish good from bad, or whether I am able to transact my affairs, or not, remains to be seen in the discharge of my duties, whenever His Lordship will be pleased to commit the sway to me.

In the latter part of your letter you mention, that I am to be consulted in the discharge of the business connected with the Sircar. This however does not at all appear from your former letter. When I had expressed a desire to put my signature to the Nizamut Papers, In your letter of the 30th September 1825, you suggested the propriety of my putting off the signing of them until I have obtained a tolerable degree of knowledge. You did not then consider that those papers were already signed by the Dewan & Naib Dewan & if my signature had been affixed to them what inconvenience would the attestation thereof occasion. That employment would have tended to improve my handwriting & have afforded me some knowledge however finding my wishes did not then meet with your concurrence, I remained silent. By your referring to the records, it will clearly appear to you, that Nuwaubs Moobaruckood Dowlah and Allee Jah were inaugurated when they were in their nonage: they acquired knowledge solely from superintending the affairs of the Nizamut But I cannot comprehend why I should be deprived contrary to the instructions of His Lordship, of the exercise of the same privileges, & be still considered as a minor.*

You have also stated that I readmitted some persons to become my associates, who were before ordered to be removed: and that they still continue to repeat their visits. On a former occasion you thought that some of my Akroobahs & Moolazims associated too much with me, and consequently prohibited their attending on me. Those persons had to my knowledge committed no fault, and it does not appear from your letter what were the grounds of their removal. I have not hitherto acted contrary to your desire & in conformity with your wish prohibited their attendance at the Palace.

I was given to understand that Mungloo & Bubbur Khawass were directed to be removed; but from the statement of Inayutoollah, who is much Countenanced by you, and on whom you have conferred a situation in the Nizamut stables—it appeared, that you did not issue any orders for their expulsion. In consequence of this they were allowed to attend me,** but not suffered to perform their duties. When you called twice to see me, they were then present, but as you mentioned nothing concerning them, I concluded that Inayutoollah's statement was correct.

* On a full consideration of all circumstances it was not considered expedient at the period referred to to require the Nazim's signature to papers & perhaps the extraordinary Perwanch which immediately led to this discussion & the circumstance of his seal remaining under charge of the Agent by orders of Govt. may sufficiently account for this reservation. But latterly it has been desirable to engage His Highness to attend to business however little hope remained of his transacting it well.

** On this I beg to observe that I have never on any occasion (& certainly never would in one of this nature) communicated with His Highness through a person holding a situation in his stables.

With reference to that part of your letter, wherein you mention that whatever I may feel inclined to have transacted, to make my wishes known to you & that you would issue the necessary orders. You will recollect that once when you visited me I took the opportunity of mentioning to you that Bad-lace had been put on my Robes, & that another day the Cloths for my personal use was of a very indifferent quality* & that the Amlahs of the Serishtah Bhinda Khana, had presented a petition complaining that they had not received their Roozeenah or established monthly allowances for the Department for the period of Eight months, this I had referred for your investigation but no notice was taken of the circumstance, consequently in case of this nature I have since remained silent. But as you have now written to me this letter I therefore submit several things for your information.

The Government have Established the Office of Superintendent with the view to control the affairs of minors & to check all undue expenses & to effect a practicable saving from their incomes & to transfer to them on attaining the majority of their age, the surplus thus effected. You will consider, that the sum received for the Kullumdankhana, & the amount accruing from the Mahalats &ca. are intended for the Nazim's personal use, & after defraying the necessary Expences, a balance generally remains, whatever has now accumulated is best known to yourself. On the death of my Sahebzadah, not even 50 Rs. could be obtained from the Tuhveels of Behla & Kullumdan Khana, for his funeral expences. Exclusive of this, my Father Wallah Jah, had borrowed from Bunwarree Loll some money, and agreed to liquidate the debt by a monthly instalment of 5,000 Rs. from the Kullumdan Khanah. This debt has not been yet discharged the interest thereon amounts monthly from Rs. 4 to 5 hundred, which is an irrecoverable loss.**

What shall I write on the state of affairs connected with the other Karkhanazats—at times in the Meersamanee Department not one piece of Kharwah coarse† cloth &ca. is to be had, and the only answer I can obtain, is that we receive no funds, from where are we to get them.

From this you will form a Judgement of the state of the Toshuck Khanna Bauburchee Khannah, Gow Khanah, Feelkhannah & other Departments in general. I know not whether the Amlahs acquaint you with the circumstances, besides this I one day went out to a village called Hanreebhangah 2 or 3 coss distant from the Killah, no carts could be got, but after much difficulty and much inconvenience—and moreover one night

* I remember these complaints & immediately with the assistance of the Dewan enquired into them I desired that if ever in future His Highness made any complaint of the clothes furnished to him they should be laid aside & on visiting the Killah I would examine them & ascertain where the blame lay. No subsequent complaint has been made & I am not aware what more could be done.

** The state of the Kullumdankhanah will require a separate report which shall be furnished shortly.

† The allowance on this account for the Furashkhanah for instance is about Rs. 400 per annum & the expenditure of His Highness is about Rs. 1,200 in the past year. The delays in the payment of the stipends during the last two or three years have certainly led to considerable inconvenience & embarrassment, but I trust it will be found nevertheless that the various departments are much improved within that period.

the Mushul Khanah not having been furnished with oil in time, no lights were lit till late at night, and whenever I go out of an evening, the People of the Lungur Khannah complain of their having received no allowance for eight months, and I am given to understand that a saving is made from the allowance of Khitchra which is cooked for Mendicants.

The whole of the affairs is in such a confused state & the Dignity of this Family has been so greatly diminished, compared with former times, that I cannot write to you on the subject ; particularly—on the death of my Sahebzadah you sent a Chobedar to me, as you would send to any other person—If you had no leisure on that day you should have called on the following day to offer your sentiments of condolence on the occasion.* Altho' I have given you much trouble, I now have to request that you will obtain for me the sanction of the Governor General in Council to Control the Kullumdankhannah, or you may submit this letter, for the inspection of His Lordship. That I may exercise my authority on that department, and Superintend the disbursements myself, & thereby have no occasion to bring to your notice cases of a trifling nature & that you will likewise make over my seal, which now remains under your seal, to avoid delay in giving you notice in cases of Emergency.

[1318]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government.

Sir,—I have heretofore had occasion to report that although the conduct of the Nuwaub Nazim was little satisfactory, the instances of violence & very gross impropriety which he exhibited at one period had latterly been more rare. I now however deem it my duty to communicate some circumstances which have just occurred, & which appear to call for the most deliberate consideration.

2. Having learned from you that the Right Honorable the Governor General might probably be expected here on or before the 15th Instant, the necessary preparations were made for his reception, & no farther communication arriving His Highness set off for Jungipoor.

3. I had proceeded in advance above Sooty, & the Western Dawk making a circuit by Calcutta it was not until the 15th Instant when all were at their posts that I received your letter of the 2nd intimating that it would probably be the end of the month before His Lordship could reach Moorshedabad. On the same day I addressed a letter, of which I beg to enclose a copy, to His Highness, acquainting him with the delay, leaving it at his option to remain some days at Jungipore (where he had expressed an inclination to shoot) or to return home, & stating that I was persuaded under the circumstances His Lordship would be satisfied if he would proceed to meet him at his garden of Sadikbagh immediately above Moorshedabad, without imposing on him the trouble of again going so far as Jungipore.

4. This letter reached him on the forenoon of the 16th & in the presence of the Naib Dewan, the Darogah of the Adawlut & seven other persons, he gave way to a fit of fury excited by delay in His Lordship's arrival, which seems scarcely distinguishable from phrenzy. He first threw from his Pinnace into the river a Seal with his name which I had procured for him from Dehli regretting that as his seal as Nazim was in my custody he could not treat it in the same manner. Two gold pawn boxes, a glass box containing upwards of one hundred gold Mohurs, & some other articles altogether to the amount of 4 or Rs. 5,000 followed, & he then called for the state Jewels & for a mortar in which to pound them, but a little hesitation occurring when brought he dashed the turband on the floor, & said they belonged to the family & not to himself personally. He then declared that no consideration should induce him to meet the Governor General & that if any compulsion was used he would destroy himself. The Governor General might give the Musnud to whom he pleased, he could beg I fear more objectionable language escaped him, but I have not enquired the particulars. After some farther similar extravagancies, he asked the Naib Dewan whose servant he was, & if he would take a message to the Agent & on receiving a suitable reply desired him to come to me, & give his compliments & say from him, that he was sick & the Governor General could have no interview with him for two or three months. The Naib Dewan accordingly set off up the river on this errand, having brought the jewels with him, & I have heard nothing since directly from His Highness.

5. The Dewan arrived from Sooty immediately after the above occurrences, & after two or three times soliciting admission a Chobdar came to him from His Highness, & asked whether he preferred fidelity, or the things of the world (Deenya Dunya) I suppose meaning fidelity to His Highness, or adherence to the English Government. A suitable answer was sent, but after waiting some hours he was unable to obtain an interview. The Naib Dewan saw him, however after returning from me, when, tho' still much irritated, he was somewhat more rational. I arrived in the afternoon & at night His Highness got into a small boat & set off for Moorshedabad.

6. I beg to enclose a Copy of a memorandum prepared by the Naib Dewan immediately after the occurrences, of which the above is an abstracted account.

7. There was surely nothing in the little delay which had arisen which might not reasonably & naturally have been expected, & that His Highness should allow any irritation to appear on so trifling an occasion against the protector of this Family, would indicate no less disregard of decorum, than ignorance of his situation, in relation to the Head of the British Government. The flattery of the low parasites, by whom he is surrounded, & the courtesy with which comparisons to this nature have been avoided, appear to have inspired him with the puerile idea that he is in every respect on an equality with the Governor General, an illusion which it will become my painful duty immediately to dispel. But the excesses into which he allowed himself to be betrayed, appear not altogether wanting in that character of reckless violence & disregard of consequences, which if not severely checked, may give rise (as they have heretofore done in other cases) to evils of the most serious magnitude.

8. His Highness is now approaching the period, when according to the custom of the country, he will attain majority, & though apprised that in his case Government

* Condolence did not seem much required—His Highness saw his son on the day of its birth but not again during the eight months it survived.

have resolved to be guided by his own conduct in determining when he shall be allowed to assume the management of Nizamut affairs, the effect upon him has been little or nothing. The whole subject has engaged my anxious attention, & I shall be duly prepared to offer for His Lordship's consideration such suggestions as appear to me most likely to meet the actual exigencies of the case. They will, however, perhaps, be more properly submitted after His Lordship shall have had an opportunity of becoming better acquainted with the actual state of affairs here.

9. Since the above was prepared, I understand from the Dewan, that His Highness has become in some degree sensible of his extreme misconduct, & is desirous to apologise for it. I shall be happy to be the medium of conveying his apology when offered, but however that may be, I do not consider myself justified in withholding the circumstances I have detailed from the knowledge of His Lordship.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 18th Septr. 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1319]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government.

Sir,—In continuation of my letter of the 18th instant, I beg leave to state that the Dewan having informed me that His Highness wished to see me for the purpose of expressing his sorrow for his conduct on the 15th, I went, as usual, by appointment to the Palace on the 20th, but found the door shut against me. For this, however, a sufficient apology has been offered, & indeed it seems to have been a mistake. I only notice the circumstance in explanation of the delay which has occurred.

2. Today I waited on His Highness, the Dewan, Naib Dewan & Calcutta Wukeel being present. I began with expressing my regret at what had occurred at Jungipore. His Highness said some persons had misled him with false representations, & he was annoyed but he was satisfied as soon as he heard the truth the Dewan then began making many representations of His Highness's regret. I said His Highness appeared to have been misled by being flattered into the idea, that he was on an equality with the Governor General, but if he would reflect he would perceive that calling him Soubeh of Bengal, Behar & Orissa was only a title. The Dewan said he fully acknowledged that the Governor General was Master, Malik--I said I wished to hear what His Highness had to say from his own mouth. A considerable pause ensued, & His Highness remaining silent, I enquired what people he alluded to as having misled him by false representations. He said that if he stated their names I would remove them. I then asked what were the falsehoods they had told him. To this he gave no answer. I enquired if he wished to say more. He said "I did not abuse (the word employed was galee) the Governor General, but suffering inconvenience I was annoyed. There is nothing to apologise for." Considering this his final reply, & being anxious no mistake should occur, I pulled out a pencil & noted it, I said I feared this was not satisfactory, or was it, or what the Dewan had led me to expect, & I almost doubted if the Governor General would see him when he came, but that of course His Lordship would determine, & expressed my extreme regret at an occurrence which I believed was unparalleled in the time of any former Nazim, I then made the usual movement for taking leave, & received Uttur. The Dewan whispered something to His Highness, & on getting to the door His Highness began to say something farther in the way of apology, servants standing by. I expressed a wish to hear anything farther His Highness might wish to say, & we resumed our seats. He said he had been vexed at the disappointment, & the Dewan urging him to say, he was sorry. He exclaimed why should I repeat any regret a hundred times? I am sorry, He told me, I would not be satisfied, unless, I made him out to be mad on the day in question. I told him I thought he had utterly forgotten what was due to the Governor General & to himself. He exclaimed, here was so much disturbance for 2 or 3,000 Rs. & formerly a lack of Rupees a day were expended in the Nizamut. He said people came to me with falsehoods when he sent them with messages he wondered I listened to them. They should be beaten with a shoe. I enquired who he alluded to & what falsehoods. He remained silent & nothing farther being urged I retired.

3. This is, I think, the entire substance of what passed but perhaps the order of the conversation is not exactly preserved & it is a point of some moment I hope, in a day or two, to furnish a statement drawn up by the other persons present, but in consequence of the present Poojah, there is some difficulty in procuring it.

4. The tone of His Highness throughout was not that of sorrow & concern, but he seemed to think it quite sufficient & conclusive that he condescended to intimate (however untruly) that he had been misled by false statements, & that although a little angry, anybody & everybody was to blame, except himself.

5. I only learned today that during his fit of anger on the 15th he had caused his eyebrows & mustachios to be shaved in fartherance of his intention to become a Fakeer.

6. I have never been solicitous to pry into His Highness's retirement, & on that ground have frequently abstained from noticing circumstances, otherwise requiring comment. But when in the presence of nine persons on the occasion of the receipt of a letter from me regarding the movements of the Governor General he breaks out in the manner I have described, I conceive the limits of privacy are passed, & to effect not to know what is so undoubted & notorious would only indicate a want of proper watchfulness on my part, while on his it would tend to encourage a repetition of similar excesses.

7. Whatever difficulties arose in establishing proper checks over His Highness during the interval between boyhood & manhood as he reaches the latter period the question is at least simplified. I beg leave humbly but decidedly to express my opinion, that it is high time authoritatively to teach him, that he must be held responsible for his own conduct, & that his station by no means entitles him to break with impunity through the ordinary rules & usages of society.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 22nd Septr. 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1320]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill amounting to Rupees 3,694-10-8 with receipts in duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 23rd Septr. 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1321]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government.

Sir,—At the request of the Nuwaub Nazim I have the honor to transmit a copy of a letter from His Highness to my address, containing his account of the occurrences I have recently reported.

2. His Highness states that finding on his arrival at Jungipore various articles he required were not with him, he got annoyed & while thus vexed a letter arrived from the Calcutta Wukeel stating that His Lordship would arrive in one or two days, & when another letter from me informing him that the Governor General would not reach Jungipore for ten or twelve days. It immediately occurred to His Highness that if his officers had used due diligence in ascertaining the progress of the Governor General he would have been spared this indignity, & this still more vexed him ; & "somebody" saying that His Lordship would be occupied in settling affairs to the Westward for the next three months, & the heat being so excessive as to affect him materially, he did destroy seventy gold Mohurs, a gold box of trifling weight, & a silver pot. He then sent the Naib Dewan to me to ascertain what was to be done, & on his return finding it was my wish he should return to Moorshedabad, he set off accordingly.

3. Now I beg to observe that it is quite impossible His Highness could be angry with his officers for not doing what they never undertook or professed to do, viz. to obtain intelligence of the Governor General's progress. This point was left entirely to me, & I have already explained how the mistake occurred. The other particulars do not differ sufficiently from the statement I formerly made, to require particular comment.

4. His Highness then proceeds, that he learned from the Dewan that I had heard he had used words derogatory to the dignity of the Governor General, & this extremely surprised him as it never occurred, & he entertrains the highest respect for His Lordship. Afterwards he understood from the Dewan, that I wish to wait upon him, & an account is given of the failure of my visit on the 20th already noticed in my letter of the 22nd. On the 22nd when I did visit him he says I appeared not in a very good humour, & on my recurring to the loss of the destroyed articles & to the disrespect to the Governor General, he was annoyed, as he never spoke except in praise of His Lordship, & on my taking out pencil & paper he thought I was taking his evidence, which being contrary to custom, he remained silent, & he was also surprised at my asking him to express his regret personally when the Dewan was explaining his sentiments on that head. He ends with compliments to the Governor General, & to myself expresses his willingness to go again to Jungipore, or as I propose to Sadikbagh, & if as is said, I have inconsiderately reported these trifling circumstances, he begs me to forward this letter in explanation of his conduct.

5. On this statement, I beg to observe, that the Naib Dewan did not report to me the language employed by His Highness in his fit of anger, & that I did not enquire what it was as already noticed in my letter of the 18th. In regard to my wishing to wait upon him there must be some material mistake, as I only went at the urgent solicitation of the Dewan, who assured me of His Highness's sorrow & anxiety to apologise for his conduct. I was therefore completely surprised to find that the Dewan was to be spokesman & that His Highness's tone, when I urged my desire to hear him, was anything but that of regret & compunction. In fact the only sort of expression of concern offered was tendered *after* I had made the memorandum, which His Highness says caused him to remain silent.

6. That His Highness should desire to represent his conduct on the occasion in question in the most favourable light is natural, & scarcely blamable But to me it still appears that the main facts I have reported remain undisputed & indisputable, & require from him not evasions & palliations but a tone expressive of contrition & a desire of amendment.—I have etc.

On the River Jungipore,
the 29th Septr. 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

P.S.—I beg to annex a Memorandum of the substance of my conversation with His Highness on the 22nd prepared in concurrence with the Dewan, Naib Dewan, & the Calcutta Wukeel.

W. L. M.,
A. G. G.

[1322]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill amounting to Rupees 3,694-10-8 with receipts in duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 24th Octr. 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

[1323]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have lately suffered from a severe attack of fever, & finding that change of air is recommended to complete my recovery, I trust that I may be allowed a short leave of absence I beg to enclose a certificate from one of the Medical Gentlemen who attended me.

I am unable at present to say how long an absence may be necessary, but hope to be able to resume my duties within a month.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 5th November 1827.

W. L. Melville,
Agent Govr. Genl.

(*Enclosure of the above*)

I certify, that in October last, I attended The Hon'ble W. L. Melville, at Berhampore, during a severe attack of Bilious Remittent Fever, which yielded with difficulty to the most active Remedies, & that in consequence, His present state of Health & debility, require His proceeding on the River, & ultimately some months to sea.

Berhampore,
the 5th November 1827.

Wm. Kemlo, *M.D.*,
Asst. Surgn. H. M. 59 Regt.

[1324]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 9th Instant, and in reply beg leave to state, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, that Mr. Melville having been compelled by indisposition to proceed to Calcutta on the 8th Instant, I assumed charge of the Office of Agent to the Governor General at Moorshedabad on the latter date.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 16th November 1827.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Govr. Genl.

[1325]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I herewith do myself the honor of forwarding a letter from His Highness the Nazim to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General ; and at the same time beg leave to remark, in explanation of the delay which has taken place in its transmission, that it was transmitted to Mr. Melville at a period when that Gentleman was prevented by indisposition from giving his usual attention to public business.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 20th Novr. 1827.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Govr. Genl.

[1326]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a letter from Her Highness the Ameer ool nissa Begum to the address of the Right Honorable the Governor General.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 21st Novr. 1827.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Govr. Genl.

[1327]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill amounting to Rupees 3,694-10-8 with receipts in duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 26th Novr. 1827.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Govr. Genl.

[1328]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg to enclose two Letters from the Nuwab Syud Ubbul Khasim, one for the Right Hon'ble the Governor General, and the other for yourself.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 29th Novr. 1827.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Govr. Genl.

[1329]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a letter from Her Highness the Ameerool nissa Begum for the Right Hon'ble the Governor General.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 1st Decr. 1827.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1330]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I herewith do myself the pleasure of forwarding a receipt for Furruckabad Rupees 16,787-15-4 or Sicca Rupees 16,065-6 in part of the Nizamut stipends for the Month of November last, and should feel greatly obliged by your furnishing me with a draft on the Resident at Delhi in favour of Col. J. Skinner for the amount.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 8th Decr. 1827.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Govr. Genl.

[1331]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a letter from His Highness to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 21st Decr. 1827.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1332]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a Copy of my Proceedings of the 14th Instant together with the papers therein referred to for your information.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 21st Decr. 1827.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1333]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I herewith do myself the honor of transmitting two letters from His Highness the Nazim, one addressed to His Excellency the Governor General, and the other for yourself, and with reference to their contents, and the short period during which I am called to perform the duties of my present office, have to request the favour of your explaining to His Lordship that it would have been more agreeable to me had His Highness consented to postpone their transmission until Mr. Melville's return, but as His Highness requests that they may be forthwith despatched, and I find on communicating with Mr. Melville that he also is anxious for their speedy transmission, I do not consider myself authorized to detain them any longer.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 21st Decr. 1827.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1334]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose Copy of a Letter from Ushroofoon Nissa Begum to my address for your information.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 4th January 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1335]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit Colonel McLeod's affidavits for the past year duly attested.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 4th January 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Govr. Genl.

Enclosure

I Duncan McLeod Superintendent of Nizamut Buildings do hereby make oath and Solemnly swear, that from the first day of January to the thirtieth day of June 1827 inclusive, I have not derived, nor will I derive any profit or Emolument whatsoever from my situation either directly or indirectly, beyond such as have been duly authorized by Government, and the regular salary allowed me as Superintendent Nizamut Buildings.

So help me God.

Sworn before me
at Moorshedabad,
the 2nd day of January 1828.

D. Dale,
Magistrate.

D. McLeod, *Coll.,*
Supt. of Nizt. Buildings.

[1336]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Permit me to renew the request contained in Mr. Melville's Letter of the 21st April last, a copy of which I have the honor to enclose.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 4th January 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Govr. Genl.

[1337]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I herewith do myself the honor of forwarding, for the information and orders of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, a Copy of a correspondence which has taken place between Lieut. Coll. Skinner, the Collector of Government Customs at Cawnpore, Mr. Gee Merchant & Agent there, and myself, in regard to a supply of shawls which were forwarded from Delhi for the private use of the various Members of the Nazim's family, and which are now detained at Cawnpore by Mr. Grant on a demand of Government Customs.

2. His Lordship in Council will observe that previous to the despatch of the shawls, namely on the 14th July 1826, His Lordship was pleased to sanction the exemption of His Highness and the principal Begum of the Nizamut from the payment of Customs & Town duties, that the shawls were accordingly accompanied by a Maafee Rowannah under the seal & signature of the Resident at Delhi, and that a Copy of your letter authorizing the exemption of His Highness from the payment of duty was forwarded to Mr. Grant with mine of the 18th Ultimo, so that it is impossible to discover on what grounds he still persists in his demand, and in the detention of the property.

3. I have now however to request that His Lordship will be pleased to order the immediate delivery of the shawls to Mr. Gee, and as, independant of the very great inconvenience which has been experienced from their un-

warranted detention for so long a period, they cannot now arrive at Moorshedabad before the cold weather has nearly closed, when they will be of comparatively little value, I trust His Lordship will be pleased to issue such farther orders, as the circumstances of the case may appear to require.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 10th Jany. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Govr. Genl.

[1338]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—In continuation of my letter under date the 10th instant, I now do myself the honor of enclosing copy of a letter received from Mr. Grant, the Collector of Government Customs at Cawnpore, on the 12th instant ; and with reference to its concluding paragraph have only to remark that the letter which Mr. Grant describes in so peremptory in its language, is now before His Lordship and I trust will be found to differ essentially from the character which he has given of it.

2. I also enclose a copy of a correspondence on the same subject this day received from Mr. Gee.

3. It will be observed that the shawls were despatched from Delhi previous to my assuming charge of my present office.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th January 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1339]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill amounting to Sicca Rupees 3,694-10-8 with receipts in duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 22d January 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Govr. Genl.

[1340]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have to request the favor of your paying to Nuwaub Bhow Begum the sum of Sicca Rupees (20,000) twenty thousand in part of the sum authorized by Government for the marriage of the Begums daughter for which she will grant her receipt.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 29th Jany. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1341]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—On the 26th September 1826 Mr. Melville requested the sanction of Government to the marriage of one of the daughters of His late Highness Aleejah with Meer Muhummud Hossein, son of late Nuwaub Zynoolabdeen, and suggested that a marriage portion of 80,000 Rupees should be granted to the young lady ; and, on the 5th of March 1827 His Lordship was pleased to express His approbation of the proposed marriage, but observed that a grant of 40,000 Rs. appeared sufficiently ample for the purpose mentioned, unless the Agent was prepared to state any adequate grounds for sanctioning the expenditure originally proposed.

2. I have now the honour to report for His Lordship's information, that the friends of the parties concerned, are anxious that the marriage should take place in the course of the ensuing month of Ramjan, but regret to say that both the Bhow Begum and His Highness consider the sum granted by Government as insufficient for the celebration of the Nuptials with that degree of splendour which the dignity of the family requires, and have therefore requested me to solicit that the sum originally proposed by Mr. Loch and Mr. Melville may be allowed.

3. The principal ground on which this request is made, is the elevated rank of the bride, & her near connection with His Highness, but it is remarked by the Bhow Begum with reference to the 2nd paragraph of your letter that though the sum originally proposed to be expended on account of the marriage of the adopted daughter of Ameer un Nissa Begum with His Highness was only 80,000 Rupees, yet that the amount actually disbursed was 1,10,000 Rupees, that the adoptive mother of the bride was moreover enabled to expend a considerable sum from her private purse which the Bhow Begum is unable to do, and that the Ameer un Nissa Begum received jewels from the Nizamut coffers to the amount of between fifty & sixty thousand Rs. ; which statements I find to be substantially correct.

4th. Although, therefore I feel reluctant to recommend any encrease of expenditure at the present period, I have deemed it my duty to comply with the request of His Highness and the Begum, and now leave it for His Lordship in Council to determine how far it is expedient to make any addition to the allowance which has already been granted.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 29th January 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1342]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill for Sicca Rs. 3,704-10-8 with the receipts in duplicate for the amount, which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 30th Jany. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent to the Gr. Gl.

[1343]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In answer to your Letter of the 1st instant I herewith do myself the pleasure of forwarding a copy of the orders of Government authorizing a Grant of Forty thousand rupees to the Bhow Begum on account of the marriage of her daughter.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 2nd Feby. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1344]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a Copy of my proceedings of the 4th Instant for your information.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 11 February 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1345]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill for Rs. 848 with the receipts in duplicate for the amount, which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 11 Feby. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1346]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill for Sicca Rupees 480—with the receipts in duplicate for the amount, which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 15 Feby. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1347]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill for Sicca Rupees 3,704-10-8 with the receipts in duplicate for the amount, which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 21 Feby. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1348]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to report, for the information of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, the death of Ooltut Unnissa Begum, who received from the Nizamut a monthly allowance of 37 Rupees agreeably to the Proceedings of the Committee held in 1802, and a further allowance of 15 rupees according to the orders of Government under date the 9th November 1822.

2nd. The deceased has left a nephew, named Meer Mahomed Hoosein, and two Nieces named Hoosamee Begum and Burratee Begum, to whom different allowances are already assigned, and two nephews named Meer Koorban Ally and Emaum Ally who receive no allowances from the Nizamut, and who were dependant upon the late Begum for their support.

3d. I therefore take the liberty of proposing that Koorban Ally, who is the elder brother, should receive 25, and Meer Emam Ally 15 rupees, and that the balance of the late Begums allowance should be resumed.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 5th March 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Govr. Genl.

[1349]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to report, for the information of the Right Hon ble the Governor General in Council, the death of Wilaity Begum, daughter of the late Nujabut Ally Khawn, who received from the Nizamut a monthly stipend of 120 Rs. under the orders of Government bearing date the 28th March 1823.

2nd. The Begum's husband, Syud Baker Ally Khawn, who is still alive, receives an allowance of 22 Rupees from the Behlah Department, but has no other means of supporting himself and family, consisting of an only daughter, named Noorjehan Begum, now about fifteen months old.

3d. It is therefore proposed to make the following distribution of the allowance enjoyed by the late Begum:—

To Syud Bakir Ally	...	18
To Noorjehan Begum	...	50
Tomb Expenses	...	12
Resumed	...	40
		120

Of the 50 Rs. allotted to Noorjehan Begum it is farther proposed that only one half should be paid for her support until the time of her marriage, and that the remainder should be allowed to accumulate as a marriage portion. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 6th March 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1350]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to report for the information of His Lordship in Council, the death of Mussoomat Ruckhee, mother of Moobaruk un Nissa, alias Nuwaub Bhye, Hurum of the late Mubaruk ud Dowlah, who received an allowance of 25 rupees a month under the orders of Government dated the 11th June 1824, and to recommend that the said allowance be continued to Nuwaub Bhye the daughter of the deceased.

2nd. The Nuwaub Bhye already receives 24 rupees a month from the Behlah Department, and seventeen rupees as Diet money from the Khansamanee, but as these sums are insufficient for her respectable support, and are together considerably less than is usually allowed to the Nazim's Hurums. I trust His Lordship will be pleased to sanction the arrangement above proposed. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 8th March 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Govr. Genl.

[1351]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose my receipts in duplicate for the sum of Sicca Rupees Four thousand being the amount authorized by Government under date the 25th July 1827 to Roohunissa Begum in consideration of the state of poverty in which she is involved and I request the favor of your paying the amount to the bearer. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 8th March 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1352]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to report the death of Zeneoolabdeen a grand-nephew of the deposed Nazim, Seraj ud Dowlah, who received an allowance of 16 Rs. under orders of Government of the 10th March 1820.

2nd. As he has left no children, I beg leave to recommend that the allowance be granted to his brother, Mirza Ally Nuckee, whose only means of support is an allowance to the same amount granted to him under the orders above quoted.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 15th March 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1353]

S. Fraser Esqr.,
Officiating Persian Secretary to Government,
Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to report, for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, the death of Kumuroon Nissa, one of the Hurrums of the late Nuwaub Hadee Ally Khan, who received an allowance of ten rupees a month from the Nizamut, agreeably to the orders of Government under date the 19th August 1820.

2nd. The stipend of the deceased is claimed by Hajee Mendee, the son, and Bunnoo Begum & Ruhoon Nissa Begum, the two daughters of the late Hadee Ally, but as each of these individuals is already in the enjoyment of an ample allowance under the orders of Government above quoted, I conceive that there is no just foundation of their claims, and I therefore beg leave to recommend that the stipend in question be resumed. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 17th March 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1354]

S. Fraser Esqr.,
Officiating Persian Secretary to Government,
Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to report for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, the death of Hoosainee Begum, daughter of the late Nuwaub Nusseer Oodeen Hyder, who received from the Nizamut a monthly allowance of one hundred rupees under the orders of Government contained in Mr. Chastenay's letter of the 25th February 1822.

2nd. The stipend is claimed by Hajee Khanum the mother, and Syud Bubur Ally the grandfather of the deceased, but as the former of these individuals already receives a handsome allowance under the orders above quoted and the only ground on which the latter rests his claim, is that the deceased allowed him the sum of twenty rupees a month for his support. I beg leave to recommend that it be disposed of in the following manner, namely,

To Syud Bubur Ally	10
Tomb Expences	10
Resumed	80
	100

3rd. The allowance granted to Bubur Ally would of course be considered as a life grant only, and would be liable to resumption at his death.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 17th March 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1355]

S. Fraser Esqr.,
Officiating Persian Secretary to Govt., Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to report, for the information of Government, the death of Mirza Ameer Ally, son of the late Nuwashis Ally, who received from the Nizamut a monthly allowance of seventy three rupees, in conformity with the orders contained in Mr. Stirling's letter of the 28th May 1824.

2nd. The stipend of the deceased is claimed by his mother Kurum Un Nissa, his sister Larlee Begum & his cousin Gholam Ally ; but as the last mentioned individual already enjoys an allowance of 25 rupees a month under the orders above quoted, I do not conceive that he has any just claim to a participation in the stipend now under consideration, and therefore beg leave to recommend that it be distributed in the following manner, with the understanding that the allowance assigned to each individual, is to be considered merely as a life grant, liable to resumption at the death of the grantee, namely—

To Larlee Begum ..	40
To Kurum Un Nissa	10
Resumed ..	23
	73 rupees

3rd. I have been induced to assign a larger allowance to Larlee Begum than I should otherwise have done, owing to the Number of dependants who have been left by the deceased, and who will now be in a certain degree dependant upon the Begum for support.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 17th March 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1356]

S. Fraser Esquire,
Officiating Persian Secretary to Government,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to report, for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, the death of Shubratee, one of the concubines of the late Nuwaub Suhaumut Jung, who received an allowance of ten rupees a month from the Nizamut, agreeably to the orders of Government under date the 9th November 1809.

2nd. The Stipend of the deceased is claimed by her son, Meer Muhummud Ally, but as the latter already receives 40 rupees a month from the Nizamut, it appears to me, that there is no reasonable foundation for his claim, and I therefore recommend that the Stipend in question be resumed.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 17th March 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1357]

S. Fraser Esqr.,
Officiating Persian Secretary to Government,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to report, for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council the death of Bebee Bhuttun, a Hurum of the late Muhummud Saleh Khan, Foujdar of Purneeah, who appears at the time of her decease, to have been in the enjoyment of a Monthly allowance of Sa. Rs. 16-0-10, payable from the office of the Collector of Moorshedabad.

Letter from the S. N. A. to the Secy. to Govt. in the Pers. Dept. dated the 9th May 1813.
Reply to the above dated the 21st of the same month.

2nd. From the correspondence noted in the margin His Lordship in Council will observe, that during the life time of the late Foujdar, he received from the British Government a monthly stipend of 1,200 rupees which was afterwards divided among the different members of his family in the following proportions—Namely—

To Ashruf Un Nissa, his daughter, by Fukhr Un Nissa Begum ...		800
To Kasim Ally, Kazim Ally, & Syud Ally, his three sons by different mothers, 60 rupees each ...	180	
To Ruzzee Un Nissa, Missree Begum, and Oomda Begum his three daughters by ditto 30 Rs. each ...	90	
To Rahut Un Nissa, Hyat Buksh, Zer Afshan, Sabrung & Bhuttun, his five Hurums 10 Rs. each	50	
Reserved for marriage expences ...	80	400
		1,200

3rd. Syud Ally died about the year 1819 when his allowance was divided among the other members of the family in the following manner—namely—to Kasim Ally & Kazim Ally each 13-12, to Ruzzee Un Nissa, Misree Begum, & Oomda Begum, each 6-14 and to, Rahut Un Nissa, Hyat Buksh Zer Afshan, Sabrung, and Bhuttun each 2-6.

4th. In the same manner, after all the females of the family had been married, the sum set apart for marriage expences was divided as follows namely—to Kasim Ally, & Kazim Ally, each, 20 rupees—to Reza Un Nissa, Misree Begum & Oomda Begum, each, eight rupees, to Rahut Un Nissa, 4 rupees, and, to Hyat Buksh, Zer Afshan, Sabrung, & Bhuttun, 3 rupees each.

5th. About the year 1822 Zer Afshan died, when the following division of her allowance took place—namely, to Kasim Ally & Kazim Ally each Sa. Rs. 3-12, to Ruzee Un Nissa, Misree Begum, and Oomda Begum, each Sa. Rs. 1-10, and, to Rahut Un Nissa, Hyat Buksh, Sabrung, & Bhuttun each Sa. Rs. 0-10-10 so that, at the time of Beebee Bhuttun's death, the actual amount

received by each member of Muhd. Saleh's family was as follows, namely,

Ashruf Un Nissa ...		800
Kasim Ally & Kazim Ally each Sa. Rs. 97-8 ...	195- 0- 0	
Ruzzee Un Nissa, Missree Begum, & Oomda Begum, each Sa. Rs. 46-10 ...	139-14- 0	
Rahut Un Nissa ...	17- 0-10	
& Hyat Buksh, Sabrung & Bhuttun each Sa. Rs. 16-0-10	48- 1-10	400
	Sa. Rs.	1,200

6th. Mr. Melville has recorded a Proceeding bestowing the allowance of Beebee Bhuttun in equal proportions on Kasim Ally & Kazim Ally, but as it appears to me that this arrangement requires the sanction of Government before it can be carried into effect, I beg leave to report the circumstances of the case for His Lordships information & orders, at the same time, observing that the arrangements referred to in the preceding three paragraphs of this letter do not appear to have been ever reported to Government, or to have ever received His Lordships sanction, though the papers of partition bear the signature of the Gentlemen who filled the office of Agent at the time they were prepared.

7th. For my own part, I am of opinion, not only that the pension enjoyed by Beebee Bhuttun is resumable, but that Kasim Ally and the other members of Mahummud Saleh's family have no legal claim to any allowances beyond those which were assigned to them by the orders of Government of the 21st May, 1813, and consequently that the addition which have been made to them, subsequent to the above period, without the authority of His Lordship, are also liable to resumption. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 17th March 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1358]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to enclose two Letters from Her Highness the Ameer Oon Nissa Begum, one to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General, & the other to yourself.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 18th March 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1359]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill for Sicca Rupees 2,758-7 with the receipts in duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.— Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 18th March 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1360]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill for Rs. 480 with receipts in duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 20th March 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1361]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a copy of an Urzee presented to me by Kumlah Pershadh for your information.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 28th March 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1362]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a copy of a Letter to my address from Syud Golam Moortoza & others for your information.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 28th March 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1363]

S. Fraser Esqr.,
Officiating Persian Secretary to Government,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to report for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, the death of Syud Fuzul Ally Khan, a protege of the late Nuwaub Nudjum Ud Dowlah, who received from the Bhela Department a monthly allowance of fifty rupees agreeably to the Statement (No. 8) transmitted with Mr. Monckton's letter of the 24th Decr. 1817, and approved by Government on the 13th of February following.

2nd. Fuzl Ully has left a Mumkooah, named Beejaun, and an unmarried daughter named Hoormutun Nissa, dependant upon the Nizamut for support: and

it is therefore proposed, that his stipend should be disposed of in the following manner, the allowances so granted, being considered as life tenures only, resumable at the death of the grantees namely—

To Bee Jaun ...	5
To Hoormut Un Nissa	25
Resumed	20
	50 rupees

3rd. Of the sum allotted to Hoormut Un Nissa, ten rupees a month might be reserved for her marriage expences, and the remainder granted for her present support.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 31st March 1828. *Offg. A. G. G.*

[1364]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Prior to the transmission of my Annual accounts to Government I have to request the favour of your furnishing me with a Copy of your account of the Nizamut Deposit Fund, from its establishment to the present time, in order that it may be compared with that which is kept in this Office.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 12th April 1828. *Offg. A. G. G.*

[1365

S. Fraser Esqr.,
Officiating Persian Secretary to Government,
Fort William.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a letter from His Highness the Nowaub Nazim to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 12th April 1828. *Offg. Agent Gr. Gl.*

[1366]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Nuwaub Moostfa Khan having appointed Dewan Deen Duyal to receive his stipend in the room of Meer Hingun I have therefore to request that you will be pleased henceforth to pay the Nuwaub's stipend to Deen Duyal.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 15th April 1828. *Offg. A. G. G.*

[1367]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that in consequence of the original receipts for the stipend of Noorjehan Begum for the month of February last having been mislaid—Duplicate copies have been substituted. Should the original receipts therefore be presented to you, you will be good enough to consider them cancelled & pay the amount to the bearer.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 26 April 1828. *Offg. A. G. G.*

[1368]

S. Fraser Esqr.,
Offg. Persian Secretary to Govt., Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to report, for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, the death of Syud Nujjufee, son of the late Nawaub Taleb Hoosain Khan, by a concubine named Taher Un Nissa, who received from the Nizamut a monthly allowance of seventy rupees, agreeably to the orders of Government under date the 11th June 1824.

I, at the same time, beg leave to report that the sum of 40 rupees a month reserved for the marriage expences from the stipend of late Taleb Hoosain agreeably to the orders contained in Mr. Swinton's letter of the 19th August 1820, has become disposable in consequence the death or marriage of the several parties for whose benefit it was reserved.

3d. The claimants to these two allowances are Oomdut Un Nissa Begum, wife of Taleb Hoosain and step-mother of the deceased. Wahed Hoosain Khan, son of Taleb Hoosain and Oomdut Un Nissa and Wahed Ally husband of Shahzadee Begum, one of the daughters of Taleb Hoosain by Taher Un Nissa, and consequently the full sister of Syud Nujjufee.

4th. Oodmut Un Nissa already receives 450 and Syud Wahed Hoosain 350 Rupees a month, while Wahed Ally receives 40 rupees in the name of his wife and sixty eight in his own right as Darogah of Nizamut Buildings. Conceiving therefore that Oomdut Unnissa and Wahed Hoosain are already sufficiently provided for, I beg leave to recommend that sixty rupees pr. mensem out of the sums now at our disposal, be granted to Wahed Ally & that the remaining fifty be resumed.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 26th April 1828. *Offg. Agent to the Govr. Genl.*

[1369]

S. Fraser Esqr.,
Offg. Persian Secretary to Government,
Fort William.

Sir,—I am sorry to be under the necessity of reporting for the information of the Right Hon'ble the

Governor General in Council, that Muhummud Ishauk, to whom a pension of twenty rupees a month was granted by the orders of Government under date the 23d October 1820, has been convicted, by the Court of Circuit at this station, of the heinous crime of forgery, and, for that offence has undergone the ignominious punishment of exposure by tusheer, besides being subjected to three years imprisonment in the Moorshedabad Jail.

2d. Under these circumstances, I conceive it to be essential to the respectability of the Nizamut, that Muhummud Ishauk's name should be immediately expunged from the list of its stipendiaries, and I therefore beg leave to recommend that the pension which was granted to him by the orders of Government abovementioned, be considered as cancelled, from the month of Sawon 1233 B.S. when its payment was suspended by order of Mr. Melville--adverting to the very remote degree in which Muhummud Ishauk is connected with the Nizamut, and the shortness of the period during which he has enjoyed the privilege of a pension—I trust there will be no difficulty in complying with my recommendation.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 30th April 1828. *Offg. A. G. G.*

[1370]

S. Fraser Esquire,
Offg. Persian Secretary to Government,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to enclose a letter from Her Highness the Ameer Unnissa Begum to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 3d May 1828. *Offg. A. G. G.*

[1371]

S. Fraser Esqr.,
Offg. Persian Secretary to Government,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to report, for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, the death of Gunput Sing, Madhoram and Seedy Sooltan dependants of the late Munnee Begum, who received from the Nizamut the allowances noted in the margin,* in first two, according to the Statement marked K and the last agreeably to the Statement marked (I) transmitted with Mr. Monckton's letter of the 11th January 1817.

* Gunput	10
Madhoram	15
Seedy Sooltan	10

2d. Each of these pensions is distinctly declared by Mr. Monckton to be resumable on the death of the holder, but as Baidnath Sahai, the nephew of Gunput, now twelve years of age, and Koonj Beharee grandson of Madhoram now ten years of age are said to have been entirely dependant upon their deceased relations for support, I beg leave to recommend that five rupees a month be granted to each of these individuals, and that the remainder of the above three Stipends be resumed.

3d. The allowances proposed to be granted to Baidnath and Koonj Beharee will of course be merely of the nature of life grants, & will be liable to resumption at their decease.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 3d May 1828. *Offg. A. G. G.*

[1372]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill for Sicca Rs. 544-10-8 together with the receipts in duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 3d May 1828. *Offg. A. G. G.*

[1373]

S. Fraser Esqr.,
Officiating Persian Secretary to Government,
Fort William.

Sir,—In the year 1229 B. S. His late Highness, the Nuwaub Waleejah, observing that the Killah was very much confined by the surrounding buildings, formed the intention of rendering it more open, and, with that view, purchased a House & piece of ground, known by the name of the Pusund Muhal, immediately adjoining the southern Extremity of the Killah for the sum of fifteen thousand rupees.

2nd. His Highness soon after died, without having paid the purchase money, but as the ground has been taken possession of, and the situation seemed very eligible for a dwelling House which it was proposed to erect for the Nuwaub Munglee, the purchase was confirmed by Mr. Melville, and I have now to solicit the authority of Government for the payment of the price.

3rd. A sum of fifty thousand rupees having been allotted by Mr. Loch, in his letter of the 30th August 1824, and the statements which accompanied it, to the erection of a residence for the Nuwaub Munglee, I conceive that the sum now applied for, might very properly be disbursed in part of that item, though the authority of Government for the erection of the building must of course be solicited in a separate letter, when Col. McLeod has sufficient leisure to undertake it.

4th. In the meantime, the ground having been purchased, and possession of it having been taken, the purchase money must necessarily be paid.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 6th May 1828. *Offg. Agent Govr. Genl.*

[1374]

S. Fraser Esqr.,
Officiating Persian Secretary to Government,
Fort William.

Sir,—A year or two previous to the accession of the late Nuwaub Waliejah, to the Musnud His Highness rented certain lands appertaining to the Khas Estate of Pergunnah Assudnugur &ca. from a person named Bheirob Lal, who was then Dur Ijaradar of the Estate under the Collector & had made considerable progress in clearing and levelling the ground with a view to the erection of a Palace when the death of his brother induced him to abandon his intention, though the lands remained in His Highness's possession, and have latterly been occupied as a place for the manufacture of bricks for which they are so well adapted, that their relinquishment would be attended with very serious inconvenience.

2nd. It appears however that no engagement was ever executed either by His late Highness, or by any of the Nizamut Officers stipulating the amount of rent to be paid for the lands, and to obtain the decision of Government on this subject, is, therefore, the object of the present reference.

3rd. The individual from whom the lands were rented made his first demand in 1230 (3 years after they were engaged) when he fixed his claim at Sa.Rs. 552-8 per annum which he alleged to have been the amount of the Mofussil Assets, but as the officers of the Nizamut disputed this point, and the Dur Ijaradar was unable to establish his assertion, he received only 1,200 rupees on account, leaving the exact amount of his claim to be subsequently determined.

4th. His Ijara extended to the year 1232, but no additional payment was ever made to him, nor was any final arrangement with him ever concluded.

5th. In 1233 the Collector took the estate into Khas management, and for that & the following year demanded and received rent at the rate of Sa.Rs. 552-8 per annum, according to the accounts delivered in by the former Dur Ijaradar.

6th. The total sum paid by the Nizamut for the lands in question between the years 1227 & 1234 was therefore Sa. Rs. 2,305, and the sum to which they are annually made liable is Sa. Rs. 552-8, while the total amount realized from them during the same period is about 980 or 990 rupees, and the annual amount of rent which they are likely to yield does not exceed 130 rupees.

7th. Under these circumstances, I trust His Excellency in Council, will be pleased to relieve the Nizamut from so heavy a burden, by issuing the necessary orders for measuring and assessing the lands at an equitable rent, in which case the revised Jumma might be allowed to take effect from the commencement of the Bengal year, upon which we have just entered.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 7th May 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Govr. Genl.

[1375]

S. Fraser Esqr.,
Offg. Persn. Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to acquaint you, for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, that I have received a letter from His Highness the Nazim, expressing his desire to make an excursion on the River as far as Monghyr at the commencement of the ensuing Rainy season, and should feel greatly obliged by your informing me of the sentiments & wishes of Government on the subject.

2nd. Slight indisposition, and the depression produced upon his spirits by the great mortality which has lately prevailed at Moorshedabad are the reasons assigned for His Highness's anxiety to proceed on the River on the present occasion and though it is not to be expected that these causes will continue to operate during the two months which must elapse before His Highness can embark, still, as I am not aware of any objection to a compliance with His Highness's wishes, excepting the additional expense which it would necessarily involve, and which would probably not exceed fifteen thousand rupees, I trust they will receive the favourable consideration of Government.

3rd. His Highness proposes to leave the Killa about the end of July or beginning of August, and to be absent about a month.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 10th May 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Govr. Genl.

[1376]

S. Fraser Esqr.,
Offg. Persian Secretary to Govt., Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to report for the information of Government the death of Koolsum Begum, daughter of Hyder Ally, who received a pension of twenty two rupees a month from the Nizamut.

2nd. In the statement furnished by the Committee of 1802, this pension stands in the name of Meer Hyder Ally, and was afterwards continued to his daughter by Mr. Monckton without any reference to Government.

3rd. I now beg leave to recommend that it be distributed in the following proportions namely, to Syud Husun Ally, son, fifteen, and to Nowrozee Begum, daughter of the deceased, seven rupees per mensem.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 10th May 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1377]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I herewith beg leave to forward for your information a copy of the correspondence noted in the Margin* and in Compliance with the orders contained in Mr. Frasers letter have to request the favour of your discontinuing the pension hitherto paid to Beebee Bhuttun, from the Mo. of Aghun 1233 B. S. being the date of her decease.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 10th May 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1378

S. Fraser Esqr.,
Offg. Pers. Secy. to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to report for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, the death of Meer Mohummud Cazim, who received from the Nizamut an allowance of fifteen rupees a month, agreeably to the orders of Government under date the 21st April 1818.

2nd. The only claimants to this pension are Mirza Mobarik Ally, the maternal grandfather of the deceased, whose claim has evidently no foundation, and Mirza Abdoollah, who already receives an allowance of 50 Rs. per mensem, under the orders of Government above quoted.

3rd. Under these circumstances, it appears to be clearly liable to resumption, & I therefore beg leave to recommend that it be brought to the credit of the Nizamut Deposit Fund.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 10th May 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1379]

S. Fraser Esqr.,
Offg. Persian Secretary to Government,
Fort William.

Sir,—I herewith do myself the honour of forwarding a statement of various sums of Money amounting in all to Eighty seven thousand Rupees expended by Mr. Melville in the purchase of Horses, carriages, Glass Ware &ca. for His Highness the Nazim, and have to request the authority of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, to draw the amount from the Nizamut Deposit Fund.

2nd. In the general statement submitted with Mr. Loch's letter of the 30th August 1824—A sum of 1,50,000 rupees was allotted to the purchase of ornamental furniture &ca. 1,00,000 Rs. to the purchase of a set of plate, and 34,000 to the provision of a suitable equipage for His Highness, of which 14,000 were to be expended in the year 1824/5 and the remainder, in different proportions, between the years 1828 and 1834.

3rd. The first and second of these items still remain untouched, with the exception of a sum of Sa. Rs. 3,762 which Mr. Melville found it necessary to lay out in purchasing a few articles of plate, as stated in his letter of the 11th Decr. 1826, and it seems probable that the sum set apart for similar purposes will ultimately be found considerably more than adequate to its object.

4th. His Highness however was so ill supplied with a suitable equipage that Mr. Loch, very soon after the despatch of his letter, ordered the two carriages for which the sum of Sa. Rs. 11,278 is charged in the accompanying list, while the stable was so wretchedly furnished that in one day nineteen horses were expelled by Mr. Melville as totally unfit for use, and not possessing the smallest value, and in a very short time, thirteen more were found to have died.

5th. There were not indeed a sufficient number of serviceable cattle for His Highness's retinue on the most ordinary occasions, much less on occasions of state or ceremony, so that the purchase of a considerable number of good horses, together with several sets of harness for various descriptions of carriages, became a matter of indispensable necessity.

6th. A similar deficiency in the article of Glass Ware occasioned the purchase of the articles of that description referred to in the statement, and the house stated to have been purchased from Sooltan Begum was bought for the residence of some of His Highness's attendants, for whom there was no other accommodation in the Killah.

7th. It was Mr. Melville's intention to address the Government on the subject of these expences, and he had accordingly directed the preparation of the annexed memorandum with a view to its being forwarded along with his letter, when sickness interfered to prevent the accomplishment of his design. I have however ascertained the correctness of its contents, and now hope that His Excellency in Council will have no hesitation in authorizing me to draw the amount.

8th. I may here mention that, although a considerable portion of the money is still unpaid, a farther portion has been advanced from the regular monthly allowances of the Nizamut, but as the ordinary disbursements have in consequence been thrown into arrear, and great difficulty and inconvenience have been thereby experienced, I am anxious, as soon as possible, to get rid of this embarrassment, & restore things to their natural orders.

9th. I have only farther to add, that there is at present a considerable balance in the Collector's hands, and I have reason to believe that the money now applied for could be paid without in any way interfering with the other demands upon his Treasury.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 13th May 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Gr. Gl.

* My letter to the Pers. Secy. of the 17th March 1828. Mr. Fraser's reply of the 28th Do.

Enclosure

Statement of the sums appropriated to the purchase of Horses, Carriages, Houses, Lands &ca.

Purchases of Horses

Agreeably to the list furnished from the Behla Dept.	.	13,981- 8- 0- 0	
Amount of a Draft sent to Calcutta for Horses .	.	4,982- 0- 0- 0	
Amt. paid from the Mahalaut for Ditto . .	.	3,300- 0- 0- 0	
Amt. of a Horse purchased thro' Enaitoollah .	.	750- 0- 0- 0	
Amt. sent to Col. Skinner for Horses .	.	4,000- 0- 0- 0	
Amt. of 2 Horses recd. from Calcutta . .	.	2,200- 0- 0- 0	
Amt. of a Horse purchd. from Mr. Sweedland .	.	1,700- 0- 0- 0	
Amt. due to Mr. Marley for 15 head of Cattle .	.	7,591-12- 3- 0	
Price of horses purchased up to the end of Cheyte 1234	Sa. Rs	2,500- 0- 0- 0	41,005- 4- 3- 0

Glass Ware &ca.

Purchase of the above on the 22nd of Cheyte 1233 . . .		4,830- 0- 0- 0	
Do. Do. on the 18th of Bysack 1234 thro' Bhaim Sain .		1,000- 0- 0- 0	
Do. Do. on the 18th of Assar 1234		900- 0- 0- 0	
Do. Do. on the 8th of Bhado thro' Mohd. Badul .		1,000- 0- 0- 0	
Do. Do. in Bhado		1,900- 0- 0- 0	
Amt. due to Bhaim Sain on accot. of the above		59- 0- 0- 0	
Do. Do. on account of Earthen Ware &ca		1,981- 3-17- 0	12,020- 3-17- 0

Carriages & Harness

Price of 2 Carriages		11,278- 0- 0- 0	
Do. of Harness		7,169- 0- 0- 0	
Do. of Do. &ca. sent to Cawnpore . .		4,000- 0- 0- 0	
Do. of a Phaeton and 2 breaking in carriages . . .		2,974- 0- 0- 0	25,421- 0- 0- 0
Purchase of a House from Sooltan Begum wife of Akah Mohomed			4,000- 0- 0-
Purchase of Wardrobes			1,853- 8- 0- 0
Do. of Pictures			1,100- 0- 0- 0
Do. of Camels			1,600- 0- 0- 0
Total amot. of Purchases &ca. &ca. as P. Accot.	Sa. Rs.		87,000- 0- 0- 0

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1380]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I herewith beg leave to forward for your information a copy of the correspondence noted in the margin* from which you will observe that on the death of the late Mahummud Ally the sum of 60 Rs. in part of the pension which that individual formerly received from your office was resumed in favour of the Nizamut.

2nd. I have therefore now to request that the sum which may have thereby accumulated in your hands may be paid to the bearer, and that in future the amount of the resumption may be paid along with the other monthly stipends.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 13th May 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

* Extract of Mr. Melville's letter to the Persn. Secy. of the 6th Decr. 1826.
Extract of a letter from the Persn. Secy. of the 28th Do.

[1381]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill for Sa. Rs. 544-10-8 together with the receipt in duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 22d May 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1382]

S. Fraser Esqr.,
Officiating Persian Secretary to Government,
Fort William.

Sir,—On the 5th March 1827 His Lordship in Council was pleased to authorize the marriage of one of the daughters of the late Nuwaub Aleejah, with Meer

Muhumud Hoosain, and it is now my duty to report for the information of Government, the wishes of the different members of the family in regard to the remaining daughter of His late Highness.

2nd. His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim is extremely anxious that the union should take place with Bakir Ally, son of the Nuwaub Shahamut Jung, by Ruheem Unnissa Begum one of the daughters of the late Nuwaub Mubaruk Ud Dowlah, and in this he is joined by the Bhow Begum, the adoptive mother of the young lady, while Her Highness the Doolleen Begum is equally desirous to have her united to the son of her intimate friend & councellor the Noor Unnissa Begum.

3rd. It will be observed that the claims of the rival suitors as regards family connections are in every respect equal—both being Grandsons of the late Mobaruk Ud Dowlah, and I may add that the personal qualifications of the two individuals are also very much on a par. Her Highness the Doollin Begum however objects to Bakir Ally, first that he has already formed an illicit connection with one of the Hurrums of the young lady's father, and, secondly that both the young lady now in question and her sister whose marriage with Meer Muhummud Hussein has already been sanctioned by Government, were betrothed to the two sons of the Noor Unnissa Begum by the Nuwaub Aleejah, a short time before his death.

4th. The first objection offered by Her Highness, appears to be well founded and two or three children are said to be the fruit of the connection, but, in regard to the second objection, although several of Her Highness's dependants bear testimony to the circumstance of the betrothment, I am not disposed to give it credit—especially as it is distinctly denied by the Bhow Begum & the whole of her party, and no such objection was offered either by the Doollin Begum, Noor Un Nissa Begum, or the young men themselves while the marriage with Meer Muhummud Hoosain was under discussion.

5th. Her Highness the Doolleen Begum *now* objects that Meer Muhummud Hoosain labours under certain bodily disabilities which would preclude all hopes of his having a family, and professes to be anxious on that account, that he should not be permitted to marry her step-daughter, but, on this very delicate subject, I beg to observe that I can discover no sufficient grounds for Her Highness's objection and therefore take the liberty of recommending that this marriage be allowed to take place as already sanctioned.

6th. It remains for the Governor General in Council to determine whether the circumstances referred to in the 3rd paragraph of this address ought to be considered as a barrier to Bakir Ally's marriage with the Nuwaub Aleejah's daughter but whatever may be the decision of Government the character and disposition of the Noor Un Nissa Begum and the prejudicial influence which she is understood to exercise over the mind of the Doolleen Begum, as more fully detailed in Mr. Melville's report of the 14th April 1827 render me very much opposed to any union being formed with that family, and I have therefore to request that in the event of His Excellency's decision being unfavourable to Bakir Ally's pretensions, I may be permitted to propose some other person as a husband for the young lady against whom no such objection should exist.

7th. In conclusion I have only to remark that after the marriage shall have received the sanction of Government a sum of forty thousand rupees, being half the sum proposed by Mr. Loch, will be requisite for its celebration and I therefore request to be furnished with authority to draw the amount from the Deposit Fund. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 31st May 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Govr. Genl.

[1383]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have to request the favour of your paying to the bearer the sum of three thousand five hundred rupees from the Nizamut Deposit Fund, for the purpose of being advanced on a loan to Sooltan Khodija Begum, who will repay the amount by monthly instalments of one hundred & twenty five rupees.—I have etc.

O. A. G. G.,
the 4th June 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1384]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honour to enclose a copy of a letter from the Officiating Persian Secretary to Govt. under date the 30 Ultimo authorizing the expenditure of Sicca Rs. 87,000 from the Nizamut Deposit Fund on account of horses carriages &ca. purchased for His Highness the Nazim and at the same time beg to enclose a receipt in duplicate for the amount.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 18th June 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1385]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honour to enclose an Extract of a letter from the Officiating Persian Secretary to Government dated the 30th Ultimo authorizing the expenditure of Sa. Rs. 15,000 from the Nizamut Deposit Fund on acct. of the House and ground known by the name of the Pusund Muhal purchased by the late Nuwaub Walah Jah and at the same time beg leave to enclose a receipt in duplicate for the amount.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 18 June 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

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[1386]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I shall feel much obliged by your favouring me with an answer to my letter of the 12 April last, at your earliest convenience.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 23d June 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1387]

S. Fraser Esquire,
Officiating Persian Secretary to Government,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have to request the favour of your informing the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council that in consequence of His Highness the Nazim having expressed a desire to occupy his house at Chumpapookhur in which the office of the Agent had been held, and the Agent had been permitted to reside since the month of November 1822, it became necessary to provide other accommodation for the office, and it was therefore removed, in the month of February last, to a very large & commodious house at Berhampore in part of which I have accommodated my family, and for which the rent is 200 Rs. a month.

2nd. On a former occasion when the house at Nishaut Baugh was engaged by Mr. Russell for the Office the Government were pleased* to authorize his charging office rent at the rate of 250 rupees a month and I have now to request that I may be similarly permitted to charge such sum as His Excellency in Council may think proper, commencing from the date on which the office was removed.—I have etc.

*28th July 1821

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 25th June 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1388]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In answer to your letter of the 12th Instant, I have the honour to inform you, that the Grant of 3,500 Rupees which was proposed to make to Sooltan Khoodeja Begum, was in conformity with the orders of Government under date the 27th April 1827 which authorize the Agent to advance to the poorer members of the Nizamut at his own discretion small sums of money for specific purposes, not exceeding in the aggregate 6,000 Rupees per annum.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 25th June 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1389]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Offg. Persian Secretary to Government,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th Decr. last, together with its enclosures, and in reply beg leave to acquaint you that the Ceremony of Marriage Baptism or Funeral does not appear to have been on any occasion performed by the Agent to the Governor General at this station.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 26th June 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1390]

S. Fraser Esqr.,
Offg. Persian Secretary to Government,
Fort William.

Sir,—I herewith do myself the honour of forwarding for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council a copy of a letter from Lieut. Col. McLeod exhibiting the progress made by him in the erection of the Nizamut buildings up to the 26th of May last, together with a comparative statement of the amount authorized by Govt. for each work & of those various sums advanced to him up to the same date, which I hope may be considered satisfactory.

2. Col. McLeod remarks that his progress had been considerably retarded by the very hot weather which we experienced for some months previous to the date of his letter, and which had prevented the attendance of many of his workmen, but I am happy to say that since the commencement of the rainy season, the works have been providing with increased rapidity so that several of the buildings referred to in the 2d paragraph of his letter are now finished, and considerable advancement has been made in the remainder.

3. It will be observed that the palace itself has not yet been begun and that Col. McLeod is unwilling to commence upon it until the buildings now in hand are brought nearly to a close when he would be able to bestow upon it that degree of attention which its magnitude demands ; and which it could scarcely be expected at present to receive.

4. On this subject it may probably be advisable to be guided by Col. McLeod's opinion, but with respect to the additional buildings referred to in the 10th paragraph of his letter, I conceive that they ought not to interfere with the erection of the Palace, though many of them, including a range of Stabling & Coach houses, are no doubt very urgently required.

5. Col. McLeod proposes shortly to submit plans and statements of the buildings in question, and in the meantime, it is satisfactory to find that there is a prospect of his being able to complete those already

Sanctioned, for the sums authorized for each.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 28th June 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1391]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I herewith do myself the pleasure of forwarding a Persian letter from Noor Jehan Begum to your address, and in compliance with the Begum's wishes have to request the favour of your paying to Ramchund Muhazin, the sum of two hundred & fifty rupees a month from the Begum's salary in liquidation of a debt of 2,500 Rupees, due to him from the Begum.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 30 June 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1392]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I herewith have the pleasure of forwarding for your information an Extract of a letter from the Secretary to Government in the Persian Department under date the 21 July 1827 authorizing the payment of five thousand rupees from the Nizamut deposit fund on account of the marriage of the late Meer Mohummud Ally's daughter, and at the same time beg to enclose my receipt in duplicate for the amt.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
the 30 June 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1393]

S. Fraser Esqr.,
Officiating Persian Secretary to Government,
Fort William.

Sir,—I herewith do myself the honour of forwarding for submission to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council a Copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Nizamut Buildings under date the 1st Instant, together with the plan and estimate for new Deorees to the Chota Kootee and Pucka bungalow therein referred to, and as the buildings in question seem absolutely necessary in order to render the accommodation of the above two residences in any degree complete, I beg to be favoured with the authority of Government for their erection.

2. The amount of the estimate, it will be observed, is twenty two thousand rupees, which I must, at the same time, beg permission to draw as occasion requires.

3. As Col. McLeod has not been able to make a duplicate of the plan now transmitted, I should be obliged by your returning the original when it is no longer needed.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 2nd July 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1394]

S. Fraser Esqr.,
Officiating Persian Secretary to Government,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to report for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council the death of Moonshee Hyder, one of the Dependants of the late Bubboo Begum who received from the Nizamut a monthly allowance of thirty five rupees agreeably to the statement referred to in par. 58 of Mr. Monckton's letter under date the 24th Decr. 1817 and at the same time I beg to recommend that 25 rupees per mensem of the above sum be granted to his Grandson Mirza Mahummud Ally and that the remaining ten rupees be resumed.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 9th July 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1395]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that the death of Mirza Ameer Ally, who received an allowance of 70 rupees a month from your office, having been reported to the Governor General in Council, His Lordship was pleased, on the 28th of March last, to direct that 40 Sa. Rups. per mensem of the above sum should be continued to Larlee Begum the sister, and 10 Rupees a month to Kurum un Nissa the mother of the deceased, and that the remaining 20 Rupees should be resumed.

2nd. I have therefore to request the favour of your attending to the above arrangement, paying the pensions of Larlee Begum and Kurum un Nissa to Keramut Khan, the Mookhtar of the former, who will produce the Begum's receipts for the same.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 9th July 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1396]

S. Fraser Esqr.,
Offg. Persian Secretary to Government,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to report for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council the death of Musheer Oon Nissa Begum who received from the Nizamut a monthly allowance of seventy rupees and at the same time beg leave to recommend that the pension be continued to her daughter Ashruf

Un Nissa Begum now about five years age. As the young Begum however is still unmarried I would farther recommend that thirty rupees a month of the above sum be allowed to accumulate in the hands of her grandmother Sooltan Shurf Un Nissa Begum for the purpose of meeting her marriage expences. –I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 11th July 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1397]

H. T. Travers Esquire,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 9th Instant with its enclosures and in answer to the enquiry contained in your 3rd paragraph beg leave to inform you that the ordinary cases I am anxious that the Regular monthly stipends should be discharged in preference to every other demand, and that the receipts now returned were only sent under the idea that you might be able, in the course of a few days, to complete the payment of so small a demand though you might not be prepared to discharge the whole of the Regular monthly allowances.

2nd. I regret to learn that the state of your Treasury does not enable you to answer either of these demands more especially as cash is at present very urgently required on account of the Mohurrum.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 12th July 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1398]

The Collector of Zillah Mymensingh.

Sir,—I beg to call your attention to the circumstance that no account of the Collections made from the Jagheer lands in your district belonging to His Highness the Nazim has been received since the 1st August 1824 and to request that the accounts up to the end of the year 1234 B. S. together with a draft for any balance which may be due to His Highness up to the same date, may be transmitted to me at your earliest convenience. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th July 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1399]

The Collector of Zillah Tipperah.

Sir,—I beg to call your attention to the circumstance that no account of the collections made from the Jagheer lands in your district belonging to His Highness the Nazim has been received since the 16th July 1824 and to request that the accounts up to the end of the year 1234 B.S. together with a draft for any balance which may be due to His Highness up to the same date, may be transmitted to me at your earliest convenience.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th July 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1400]

S. Fraser Esqr.,
Offg. Persian Secretary to Government,
Fort William.

Sir,—In the plan for the appropriation of the Nizamut Deposit Fund transmitted to Government by Mr. Loch on the 30th August 1824 there is an item of 7,000 rupees, which it was proposed to grant to the Nuwaub Diljaun, grandson of the Nuwaub Jafir Ally Khan, for the purpose of enabling him to complete a very comfortable and commodious house which he was then building, and which he was very anxious to leave to his children.

2. The general outline of Mr. Lochs scheme received the sanction of Government on the 27th May 1825 but it was, at the same time, required that a special report should be submitted regarding each considerable item before any outlay was made on account of it. This does not appear to have been done with respect to the item in question, and in the early part of the year 1826 the Nuwaub Diljaun died without having benefited by Mr. Loch's proposal, and so much involved in debt that it has now become necessary to dispose of the whole of his property including the house above referred to, for the benefit of his creditors.

3. A house however is indispensably necessary for the residence of the family and as none appeared more eligible than that which was built by the Nuwaub himself, and in which the family still reside, I have been endeavouring to ascertain the terms on which the creditors would consent to relinquish their claim to it and I have now the honour to report for the information of Government that I have every prospect of being able to procure it for the 7,000 Rupees which it was originally proposed to grant to the Nuwaub provided His Lordship would kindly authorize the disbursement of that sum from the Deposit Fund.

4. It may be proper here to mention that in the distribution of the Nuwaubs allowances which was made after his death and which was sanctioned by Government on the 18th October 1826 it was arranged that the sum of 125 Rs. per mensem, in part of the monthly allowance of Sa. Rs. 300 granted to his son Gholam Murtaza, should be allowed to accumulate "to purchase a house for him, for the expences of his marriage, and any other objects which might be considered desirable on his attaining Majority" but, as the young man is now about fifteen years of age, it is evident that any accumulation that could take place before that period would scarcely be adequate to the expences of his marriage alone.

5. With reference therefore to all the circumstances of the case and more especially to the very high character which the Nuwaub Diljaun bore, as well as to the very promising character of his son Gholam Mortaza I trust His Lordship in Council will not object to my expending

the above sum for the purchase of the house in question and afterwards settling it upon Gholam Murtooza as the present head of the family.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 14th July 1828. *Offg. Agent Gr. Gl.*

1401]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to report for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council that I have received a petition from Beebee Soobhanee, widow of the late Mooftee Muhummud Moiz, setting forth her destitute condition and requesting that she may receive some assistance from the Nizamut.

2nd. His Lordship in Council is aware that Mooftee Moiz was appointed tutor to His Highness the Nazim, agreeably to the orders conveyed in your letter of the 10th December 1824, with a salary of 500 Rupees a month and the revertion of a pension of 250 Rs. on his retiring, but died before he had filled the situation, to which he had been appointed, more than a year and a half, leaving his affairs in an embarrassed state.

3rd. Under these circumstances I conceive that Beebee Soobhanee has a just claim to some allowance from the Nizamut and therefore beg leave to recommend that a pension of fifty rupees a month be granted to her.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 30th July 1828. *Offg. Agent Govr. Genl.*

1402

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 16th Ultimo and in reply beg leave to inform you that the pensions of forty and ten rupees a month assigned to Larlee Begum and Kurumunnissa Begum are to have effect from the date of Mirza Ameer Allys death or the 1st December 1826.

The bearer will receive the balance of twenty rupees a month which has been resumed calculated from the above date up to the month of May and in future you will be good enough to pay it along with the Regular allowances of the Nizamut.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 6th Augt. 1828. *Offg. Agent Gr. Gl.*

[1403]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose 2 Audited Bills amounting to Sa. Rs. 1,089-5-4 with the receipts in duplicate for the amount, which the bearer will receive for.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 11th Augt. 1828. *Offg. A. G. G.*

[1404]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to enclose a letter from Her Highness the Nuwaub Nujeeb-unnissa Begum to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 11th Augt. 1828. *Offg. A. G. G.*

[1405

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to enclose two letters from Syud Gholam Murtuza Khan son of the late Nuwaub Diljaun one to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General and the other to yourself. They were accompanied by Nuzzurs which conformably to custom have been returned with an intimation that the presentation of them was deemed sufficient.

2nd. It may be proper to mention that Gholam Murtuza having been recognized as the head of his father's family by the order of Government under date the 18th October 1826 has expressed a hope that he may likewise be permitted to bear the title of Nuwaub which was borne by his Ancestors, and that His Lordship will kindly consent to address him by that title.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 19th August 1828. *Offg. Agent Gr. Gl.*

[1406]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date regarding the payment of the Nizamut allowances for June & July last, and in reply beg leave to say that as bank notes of so large a value as 5,000 Rupees would be of little or no use in the distributions of the Nizamut allowances, and I find, on inquiry, that it would be impossible to cash them in the city, I must decline receiving payment of the stipends for July in notes of that description, but (yielding, to necessity) will not object to receive them in liquidation of the balance for June.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 20th Augt. 1828. *Offg. A. G. G.*

[1407]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I herewith do myself the honor of submitting for the information of the Right Honourable the Governor General in Council a copy of a letter from Lieut. Col. McLeod under date the 23rd Ultimo explanatory of the various circumstances which have hitherto prevented his commencing upon the Palace proposed to be erected for His Highness the Naziim.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 3rd Septr. 1828. *Offg. A. G. G.*

[1408]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill amounting to Rs. 544-10-8 with receipt in duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 3rd Septr. 1828. *Offg. A. G. G.*

1409

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Allow me to call your attention to my letters of the 12th April & 23d June last and to request that you will favour me with a reply to the same with as little delay as possible.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 3d Septr. 1828. *Offg. A. G. G.*

[1410]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—With reference to our correspondence of the 19th & 20th Ulto. I have to request the favour of your informing me whether the state of your Treasury will now admit of your liquidating the Nizamut allowances for July & August last together with the amount authorized by Government on account of carriages, horses &ca. purchased for His Highness and for the purchase of the Pusund Muhaul, in Cash or bank notes of a small amount, and if not, whether there is any prospect of your being able to do so at an early period.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 6 Septr. 1828. *Offg. A. G. G.*

[1411]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have to request the favour of your furnishing me with a Draft on the Sub Treasurer in favour of Roy Girdharee Loll for the sum of ten thousand Sicca rupees, in part of the Nizamut allowances for the month of July last.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 6th Septr. 1828. *Offg. A. G. G.*

[1412]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to enclose two letters to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General, one from His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim, & the other from the Nuwaub Ameeroonissa Begum.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 6th Septr. 1828. *Offg. A. G. G.*

[1413]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6 Inst. and as there seems to be no prospect of your being enabled to liquidate the Nizamut demands either in Cash or in bank notes of a small amount, within a limited period, and much inconvenience is experienced by their non payment, I must now request the favour of your bringing the circumstance to the notice of the Accountant General, in order that he may adopt such extraordinary measures for the relief of our embarrassments as he may think proper.

I at the same time beg leave to say that in the event of your being enabled to liquidate the whole of the Nizamut demands by one payment, I should have no objection to receive a complete month's allowance in bank notes of the various amounts between 50 rupees & 1,000 Rs. each, of which, I should wish the smaller sums to bear the greatest proportion.

A statement of the balance due to the Nizamut up to the present period is annexed for the Accountant Generals information.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 6th Septr. 1828. *Offg. A. G. G.*

Enclosure

Statement.

Allowance for the month of July .	1,21,333- 5- 6- 3	
Dt. recd. by a draft on the Sub Treasurer .	10,000- 0- 0- 0	1,11,333- 5- 6- 3
Allowance for the month of August .		1,21,333- 5- 6- 3
Amount authorized for the purchase of carriage, horses, &ca.		87,000- 0- 0- 0
Ditto for the purchase of the Pusund Muhul . .		15,000- 0- 0- 0
	Sicca Rs	3,34,666-10-13- 2

[1414]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—In continuation of my letter under date the 3rd Instt. I now do myself the honour of forwarding, for submission to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, a Copy of a letter from Lt. Col. McLeod descriptive of the various buildings which he proposes to erect for the preservation of stores & for the accommodation of the individuals whom it will be necessary for him to employ in superintending the construction of the Palace, together with detailed plans of the intended building's and of the ground on which it is proposed that they should be erected.

2d. His Lordship in Council will observe that the total expense of these buildings is estimated by Col. McLeod at Sa. Rs. 10,500 which seems a large expenditure to incur merely in preparatory arrangements, at the same time as sheds for the preservation of stores are absolutely necessary and there appears to be no other means of providing for the accommodation of Europeans at this place—or at least within a moderate distance of the scene of their labours, I fear that this expense is unavoidable. I therefore beg leave to recommend that the Superintendent be authorized to expend the sum of Sa. Rs. 10,500 for the purpose abovementioned in order that he may be enabled to commence operations without further delay.

3d. His Lordship in Council will further observe that His Highness's pucka bungalow together with all the finished buildings of Plans No. 1 & 2, including accommodations for H. High.'s Begums, the Nujeeb Unnissa Begum & the Bhow Begum & their dependants, have been transferred to the parties concerned, for occupation.

4th. As the parties were anxious to obtain immediate possession and I had satisfied myself by frequent personal inspection that the buildings were constructed in a strong and substantial manner I felt unwilling to subject His Highness and the Begum to the further delay of waiting till they could be examined by a Professional Committee, but should His Lordship in Council consider it necessary to appoint a Committee the buildings can still be submitted to its inspection.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 17th Septr. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1415]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to enclose two letters from Nuwaub Soulut Jung—one to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General and the other to yourself. They were accompanied by Nuzzurs which conformably to custom have been returned with an intimation that the presentation of them was deemed sufficient.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
the 17 Septr. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1416]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill for Rupees 544-10-8 with my receipt in Duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 20th Sept. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1417]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I am sorry to be again under the necessity of troubling you with regard to the Nizamut Stipends but as the allowance for the present month will be due in the course of three or four days more I am anxious to know whether you will then be prepared to discharge the whole or any portion of the arrears due to the Nizamut, and if not, whether you have any prospect of being able to do so at an early period.

I should also be glad to know whether my letter of the 6 Instt. has been communicated to the Accountant General and if so whether any answer has been received from that office.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 27 Sept. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1418]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have to request the favour of your furnishing me with a draft on the General Treasury in favour of Race Puresnath for (Sa. Rs. 10,000) ten thousand rupees in part payment of the Nizamut allowances for July last.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 28 Sept. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1419]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—On the 27th Ulto. I had the honor of addressing you on the subject of the Nizamut allowances but have not yet been forwarded with any reply to my letter. The allowances for September however are now due & I must therefore request the favour of your furnishing me with the information therein required, at your earliest convenience in order that, in the event of your not being prepared to answer the Nizamut demands I may

be enabled to adopt such further measures as may appear necessary.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 1 Oct. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1420]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I am sorry to be under the necessity of reporting to Government the irregularity which has lately occurred in the payment of the Nizamut Stipends, but the great distress and inconvenience which the circumstance has already occasioned and still continues to occasion, compels me to do so.

2d. Owing to a deficiency of Cash in the Collector's treasury the whole of the allowances for the months of July, August and September, with the exception of the sum of twenty thousand rupees for which I accepted drafts on the General Treasury, as well as the sum of one lack & two thousand rupees which I was authorized by the orders of Govt. under date the 30th May last to draw from the Nizamut Deposit Fund, still remain unpaid.

3d. On the 27th Ulto. & 1st Instant I addressed the Collector requesting to know whether he had any prospect of being able to liquidate my demands upon his Treasury, within a moderate period and in reply was informed that the only immediate remittance expected by him was one from Rungpore, amounting to three lacks of rupees, of which Sa. Rs. 1,60,000 must be appropriated to the discharge of three assignments in favour of the Commercial Resident at Cossimbazar, and Sa. Rs. 50,000 for the payment of the Military Drafts leaving Sa. Rs. 90,000 for the Nizamut.

4th. After the payment of this sum however there will still remain a balance due to the Nizamut of Sa. Rs. 3,56,000 which the Collector has no immediate prospect of being able to discharge.

5th. I therefore now take the liberty of requesting that His Lordship in Council will be pleased either to order a remittance to be made from the Presidency by one of the Hon'ble Company's steam vessels or to adopt such other measures for enabling the Collector both to discharge the present arrears, and to answer the future demands of the Nizamut with punctuality, as His Lordship in Council may think necessary.

6th. I take the present opportunity of stating what I have already stated to the Collector that in the event of his being enabled to discharge the whole of the Nizamut demands by a single payment, I should then have no objection to receive a whole month's allowances in bank notes not exceeding one thousand rupees each, but that Notes of a greater value or to a larger amount would be of little or no use.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 4th Oct. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1421]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have to request the permission of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council to draw from the Nizamut Deposit Fund, the sum of thirteen thousand rupees due from His Highness the Nazim on account of a very handsome & substantial pinnace with suitable furniture which was purchased by His Highness previous to his late excursion on the river.

2. I beg to observe that I considered the purchase of the Pinnace in question which is built of the very best materials and is in every respect suitable to the rank & station of H. Highs. as extremely desirable as there were only two other boats of that description belonging to the Nizamut both of which were extremely old having been purchased in the time of the late Nuwaub Bubber Jung and were moreover so very leaky as to be perfectly unsafe.

3d. The present expence may be considered as belonging strictly to the Privy Purse but considering the many demands with which the Kullumdankhana is already burthened and the flourishing state of the Deposit Fund I trust His Lordship in Council will consent to relieve His Highness from the charge.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 6th Oct. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1422]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to inform you that I was authorized by the orders of Govt. under date the 27th July 1826 to advance to Syud Muhd. Mehdee from the Nizt. Deposit Fund the sum of five thousand rupees, to be repaid by instalments of one hundred and fifty rupees per mensem.

You will therefore be pleased to pay the sum of five thousand rupees to the bearer & make a monthly deduction of one hundred & fifty rupees from Meer Muhd. Mehdee's salary, commencing from the Month of Assin 1235 B.S.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 7th October 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1423]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—By the orders of Government under date the 28th Decr. 1826 I was authorized to advance to Kazim Ally Khan the sum of Four thousand rupees from the Nizt. Deposit Fund. He now however declines receiving more than two thousand five hundred rupees & I have therefore to request the favor of your advancing to him the latter sum to be repaid by a deduction from his salary of one hundred rupees a month, commencing from the month of Assin 1235 B.S.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 7th October 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1424]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secy. to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to report for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council the death of Usmut Unnissa Begum daughter of Muhummud Asghur Ally Khan an Akruba of the Nazim who received from the Nizamut Department a monthly stipend of fifteen rupees agreeably to the orders of Government under date the 25th July 1823.

2d. The claimants to this pension are Syfunnissa Khanum the mother, Fyzunnissa the step-mother and Syud Mehendee brother-in-law of the deceased the first of these however already receives fifteen rupees agreeably to the orders above quoted while the last two are totally unprovided for—I therefore beg leave to recommend that four rupees each be settled upon Syud Mehendee and Fyzunnissa and that the remaining seven rupees be resumed.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 7th October 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1425]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to report for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council the death of Nuwaub Daood Ally Khan, who under the head of Sahebzadehs, received from the Nizamut a Stipend of five hundred rupees a month in his own name, and two hundred & fifty rupees on account of his wife Saleh Unnissa Begum, agreeably to the statement transmitted by the Commee. of 1802, and from the Rajemehal Stipend, a personal allowance of five hundred & twenty two rupees twelve annas together with the sum of Sa. Rs. 94-12 on account of ancient servants of the family, agreeably to the statement forwarded with the Agents letter of the 18th Decr. 1822, making altogether the sum of Sa. Rs. 1,367-8 per mensem.

2d. The whole of the servants above referred to are stated to be now dead, & the Dewan therefore, proposes that the Stipends should be divided as follows—namely

	Nizat. Stipd.	Rajemehl Stipend	Total
To Syud Hussun Ally (son)	300	250	550
To Saleh Unnissa Begum (widow) . . .	300	150	450
,, Noor Jehan Begum (illegitimate daughter) .	35	75	110
,, Imamee Begum (illegitimate daughter) . .	25	25	50
Old Servants			
Molee Chund (Dewan) .	30	—	30
Lala Chemun Loll . .	15	—	15
Mouluvee Ghuzufur Alee .	12	—	12
Meerun Jaun . . .	20	—	20
Tomb Expences . .	13	—	13
	750	500-0	1,250-0
Unappropriated in the Dewans allotment . .	—	117-8	117-8
Total	750	617-8	1,367-8

3d. The Nuwaub Mudar Ud Dowlah, the present head of the Rajemehal family together with his wife, the Maruim Begum, also concur in that above arrangement as far as regards the Rajemehal Stipend, and recommend that the sum which remains unappropriated in the Dewans statement should be granted to their daughter Uzzeez Unnissa Begum now about 1½ years of age for whom no provision has yet been made.

4th. It appears to me, however, that the family of the Nuwaub Mudar Uddowlah have no right to participate in that portion of the Rajemehal Stipend which was granted to the Nuwaub Daood Ally Khan & which seems to belong exclusively to the family of the latter; while I am of opinion, that pensions granted from the Nizamut to the members of any particular family on account of the relationship to the Nazim, ought, on the occurrence of lapses, to be diminished in proportion as the relationship has become more remote.

5th. There seems indeed no other method of providing Stipends or other allowances for nearer connections of the family whom it occasionally becomes necessary to bring upon the pension lists & I therefore beg leave to recommend that the sum of one hundred & fifty rupees be resumed, and that the remainder of the present Stipend be divided as follows—namely

	Nizamut	Rajemil.	Total
To Syud Hussun Ally	200	300	500
,, Saleh Unnissa .	350	230	580
,, Noor Jehan Begum	25	45	70
,, Imamee Begum .	25	25	50
Tomb Expences .		17-8	17-8
	600	617-8	1,217-8
Add Resumed	150		150
	750	617-8	1,367-8

6th. It will be observed that the sum allotted to Saleh Unnissa, includes the Stipend of two hundred & fifty rupees to which she was previously entitled, and that no separate provision has been made for the servants, as it is conceived, that they ought to be left dependant upon Saleh Unnissa's bounty.

7. For the purpose of providing against future disputes, and in order to secure a proper degree of respect & deference to Saleh Unnissa, I have only further to recommend, that the total amount of the above Stipends be paid to her receipt, in the same manner as they were paid to the receipt of her deceased husband.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 9 Oct. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1426]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I now do myself the honour of forwarding the usual Nizamut Accounts for the years 1231 and 1232 B.S. which I should feel obliged by your laying before the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council.

2d. With reference to the accounts of the year 1231 His Lordship in Council will observe that agreeably to

the Statement No. 3 the amount of excessive expenditure originally charged

was	2,43,054
from which for the various reasons assigned in Statt. No. 4 the sum of	17,870
has been deducted thereby leaving a balance of	2,25,184
to provide for which, we have the sum set apart by the Committee of 1802 & savings in different departments amounting to	79,570
after deducting which there remains a net balance of	1,45,614 rupees.

3d. It must be remembered however that the accounts of the year in question include an item of Sa. Rs. 1,23,718 on account of expences incurred on the occasion of His present Highness's accession to the Musnud, and a further sum of Sa. Rs. 30,561—expended on account of His late Highness's funeral, so that in point of fact, the *ordinary* expences of the year fall short of the authorized allowance by about 8,665 rupees.

4th. In regard to the installation expences I beg here to remark that the amount charged under that head includes a sum of Sa. Rs. 14,743-13-12 on account of Russoom, or Commission due to the officers of the Nizamut on the amount expended, and a further sum of Sa. Rs. 6,403-14-8- on account of Mussaldaree or per centage due to the Mussaldar, the first of which Mr. Melville proposed to retrench on the ground that the Nizamut officers were not entitled to Commission on an extraordinary expenditure like the present—and the second, on the Plan that the various articles used on the occasion were not purchased through the medium of the Mussaldar, but directly by the Dewan.

5th. Mr. Melvilles argument for the retrenchment of the latter of these charges seems to me sufficiently just and reasonable, but as I do not concur in opinion with him in regard to the former, which seems to have been admitted on the installation of all former Nazims, I have thought it advisable, on the first instance to admit them both into the accounts, and leave it for His Lordship in Council to pass such orders on the subject as His Lordship may see fit.

6th. The rate at which the Omlah's Commission has been calculated is no doubt very high, being on some articles so much as two annas and a half on the rupee, or upwards of fifteen and a half per Cent, but at the same time it is the rate which has always prevailed in the Nizamut, and on that ground, I have not considered myself authorized to reduce it without the orders of Government.

7th. The expenditure of the year 1232, I am happy to observe, falls short of the established allowance by the sum of Sa. Rs. 15,151 which has been carried to the credit of the Deposit Fund.

8th. The only two items in the accounts of that year which appear to require particular remark are, a saving of Sa. Rs. 4,275-12 on the Saleeanah of the Chelahs, and a charge of Sa. Rs. 5,889 on account of the salary of Toorksowars, both of which were occasioned by His late Highness the Nuwaub Walejah having discharged the whole of the Chelas and retained Toorksowars on the salaries of the former—Soon after his present Highness had succeeded to the Musnud a considerable number of Chelahs were again employed, and the sum now brought to credit forms the difference between the amount annually allowed and the expence actually incurred for their Saleeanah, while the sum charged for the salary of Toorksowars is the amount of the actual expenditure on that account.

9. In explanation of the sum of Sa. Rs. 3,525 charged as arrears of salary due to Meer Muhummud Ally from Bysak 1215 to Poos 1226, I may also observe, that Meer Muhummud Ally the father of Mud. Ally enjoyed an allowance of Sa. Rs. 80 p. Mensem which at his death, in 1215, was reduced to Sa. Rs. 55, and was paid at that rate till the year 1226—when Muhd. Ally obtained an order from Government for restoring it to its original amount. The difference between 55 and 80 rupees a month for the period during which the allowance was paid at the reduced rate forms the amount of the present charge.

10th. With respect to the Deposit Fund, it will be observed that according to the accompanying statement the balance at the close of the year 1232 was Sa. Rs. 17,11,593-14-13-2 of which the sum of Sa. Rs. 3,82,508-14-13-2 is stated to have been in the Nizamut Treasury, and the remainder in the hands of the Collector, but as the accounts now transmitted do not include the various sums paid from the Collector's Treasury on account of the Nizamut Buildings and for other expences authorized by Government the actual balance must of course have fallen considerably short of the above amount.

11th. I was anxious to have exhibited the real state of the Fund by introducing the whole of these items into the accounts, and with that view, made several applications to the Collector for an accurate memorandum of them, but am sorry to say that he has not yet complied with my request, and though the records of my own Office might have enabled me to insert many of them there was at the same time an apprehension that others might have been overlooked, and it was therefore deemed advisable to exclude them altogether until a correct account of them could be obtained.

12th. I have now made an application on the subject to the Accountant General, and hope by the Assistance of Government to obtain the necessary document in sufficient time to make the proper entries in the accounts of 1233 which are now in the course of preparation and in the meantime I can enabled [*sic*] to state from accounts which have been transmitted to me by the Government Agent's, that the amount of Government securities at the credit of the Nizamut on the 30th of June last, was Sa. Rs. 7,75,600- of which Sa. Rs. 19,600 bear interest at the rate of six, and the remainder at the rate of five per Cent per annum.

13. With regard to the balance of Sa. Rs. 3,82,508- which is represented as having existed in the Nizamut Treasury at the close of year in question I fear it must be considered as altogether fictitious as the Dewan asserts that though a balance, sometimes exceeding and sanctions [sometimes?] falling short of the above amount, as appeared in the accounts of each year for several years past yet, in point of fact, there has never been a single rupee in the Treasury at any of these periods—The whole of the nominal balance having been expended either by the Nuwaub Walijah himself, or in conformity with his orders, sometimes previous to his death.

14th. The Dewan has been repeatedly required, both by Mr. Melville and myself, to furnish a detailed account of the manner in which this money has been expended together with any written authority which may have been granted by His late Highness for its expenditure, and though he has not yet complied with these requisitions, I hope soon to have it in my power to submit a report on the subject for the information and orders of Government.

15th. It now only remains for me to notice the balance due on account of excessive expenditure incurred in various years, and which, it will be observed from the accompanying memorandum, amounted, at the close of the year 1232 to the sum of Sa. Rs. 4,04,161-11-11-2.

16th. Part of this sum which was due for the years 1224 and 1225 the Nuwaub Walijah was directed to liquidate from the Kullumdankana, and a farther sum due on account of the year 1229 was ordered to be paid from the Nizamut Treasury, but I regret to say that although His late Highness reported to the Agent his having complied with the resolutions of Government in regard to the first of these items, no part of it was ever paid from the Privy Purse, and the greater portion of it still remains due, while a deficiency of Cash in the Nizamut Treasury prevented the payment of the balance for the last mentioned year.

17th. It is of course exceedingly desirable that this very large arrear which has been allowed to accumulate for so many years, should be discharged as soon as possible, but at the same time, I must confess that I have very great hesitation in recommending its liquidation from the Collectors Treasury until the balance which ought to exist in the Nizamut Treasury has been satisfactorily accounted for—I can only hope that as the excess for the year 1231 was chiefly occasioned by His Highness's installation—His Lordship in Council will be pleased to authorize my drawing the amount expended on that occasion, from the Deposit Fund.

18th. In conclusion I have only further to remind you that the accounts for 1230 have not yet been acknowledged, and to request that I may be favoured with the orders of Government on the same, as well as on the accounts now transmitted, with as little delay as may be convenient.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 15th Oct. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1427]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have to request the favour of your granting me Drafts on the Sub Treasurer for the following sums in part of the amount authorized by Government for the purchase of carriages horses &ca. namely—

a Draft in favor of Messrs Stuart & Co. for	Sa. Rs.	2,974- 0
a ditto ditto of Messrs Dykes & Co. for		1,875- 0
a ditto in favor of Bhim Churn Sein for		858- 8
a do. in favor of Hamilton & Co. for		84-13
	Sa. Rs.	5,792- 5

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 15th October 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1428]

Holt Mackenzie Esqr.,
Secretary to the Government in the Territorial Dept.,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have had the honour to receive your letter under date the 23d Ultimo and in reply beg leave to state for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Govr. Genl. in Council that in the event of the Nizamut allowances for one month being paid in bank notes, the parties receiving the same would generally be obliged to dispose of them—to the native bankers at a discount of from one half to one per Cent and would consequently suffer loss to the above amount.

It is evident therefore that they would never consent to receive bank notes, so long as there was prospect of their being speedily paid in cash.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th Nov. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1429]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I herewith do myself the honor of forwarding for your information Copy of a letter from the Secretary to Governt. in the Persian Depârtment under date the 11 Inst. together with a Copy of its enclosure to the Accountant General, and with reference to the orders therein contained have to request the favour of your

informing me when it will be convenient for you to discharge the amount still due to the Nizamut for the purchase of carriages, horses &ca. as well as the sum of thirteen thousand rupees which I have been authorized to draw from the deposit fund on acct. of a Pinnace purchased for His Highness, and for which I now beg leave to enclose a copy of the orders of Government.

2d. In case it should be objected that the above two items do not form part of the Nizamut stipends and are consequently not entitled, under the orders of Government above quoted to a preference over all other demands upon your Treasury, I beg leave to inform you that the greatest part of the amount has already been advanced from the Regular stipends and is still due to the different members of the family on the same account ; so that I can consider them in another light than as a part of these allowances.

3d. Should the present state of your treasury not admit of your liquidating the whole of the above demands I beg further to say that I shall be happy in the meantime to receive such portion of them as you are entitled to pay.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 17th Nov. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1430]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill for Sa. Rs. 544-10-8 with my receipts in duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.— Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 24 Nov. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1431]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collr. of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have to request the favor of your furnishing me with a Draft on the General Treasury in favour of Dewan Motee Loll for Sa. Rs. 18,000 eighteen thousand rupees in part of the Nizamut allowances for Novr. 1828. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 26 Nov. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1432]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to report for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council the death of Mirza Yad Alee, an Imtiazee of the late Bubboo Begum, who received from the Nizamut an allowance of twenty rupees a Month, agreeably to the Statement No. 2, transmitted with Mr. Monckton's letter under date the 24th December 1817.

2. Yad Ally has left a Wife who enjoys a separate allowance of 6 rupees a month and two sons and two daughters who are entirely destitute—I therefore beg leave to recommend the following distribution of the allowance in question, namely to

Mirza Muhummud Ally	(son)	...	7
Mirza Kadir Ally	(son)	...	6
Suleem Un Nissa	(daughter)	...	4
Wellaetty Begum	(daughter)	...	3
		Sa. Rs.	20

—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 26th Novr. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1433]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I am sorry to be under the necessity of reminding you that my letter under date the 12th April as well as those of the 23d June & 3d Septr. last are still unanswered.

2d. The account therein required however is very urgently required, and I therefore again beg that you will be good enough to forward it to me with as little delay as possible.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 28 Nov. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1434]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In consequence of the death of the Nuwaub Mustapha Khaun, a considerable sum of money is required for necessary expences, and I have therefore to request that you will pay the late Nuwaubs salary for the months of September & October to the Dewan Deen Dyal, the bearer of this letter.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 29 Nov. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1435]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I herewith do myself the honour of forwarding two letters from Syud Assud Oollah Khan and Syud

Uktowr Ally Khan, sons of the late Nuwaub Mustapha Khan communicating the death of their Father and soliciting the condolences of the Governor General & yourself on the occasion.

2. On the death of their grandfather the Nuwab Murtiza Khan the Governor General was pleased to address a letter of condolence to their late father, and their Uncle the Nuwab Julal Uddeen, and the young Sahebzadehs have expressed a hope that they may be similarly honoured.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 29th Novr. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1436]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 16th Augt. last regarding the marriage of the late Nuwaub Alee Jah's daughters I beg leave to inform the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council that every endeavour has been used for the purpose of inducing the Ameer Unnissa Begum to unite with the Nuwaub Nazim and the Bhow Begum in selecting another individual in lieu of Bakir Ally but regret to say that these efforts have proved unavailing.

Her Highness as well as the Nazim and the Bhow Begum seem each determined to abide by their original selection, and I must therefore now request that His Lordship will be pleased to sanction the young lady's marriage with Bakir Ally and authorize my drawing the sum of forty thousand rupees from the Deposit Fund on account of the marriage expences.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 1st Dec. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1437]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I request the favor of your paying Ram Chund Muhagin the sum of ten thousand rupees in part of the arrear of the stipend due to the Nawaub Abool Hussun conformably to the statet. reced. with your letter of the 28 July 1826.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 2d Dec. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1438]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—My predecessors have had frequent occasion to animadvert upon the depraved character & disposition of the Noor Unnissa Begum, and on the 14th April and 5th Sept. of last year Mr. Melville reported to Government the measures which he had been obliged to adopt for the purpose of removing her from the Deoree of the Doollun Begum in which she had managed to establish herself, and in which she was exerting the most pernicious influence over the mind & conduct of Her Highness.

2. The Begum I regret to say has again succeeded in gaining admittance into Her Highness's apartment and the whole train of consequences detailed in the 6th paragraph of the letter first quoted have again been realized—Reports the most discreditable to Her Highness's Deooree have again obtain general circulation, and Her Highness has not only contracted a heavy debt to Bankers in the Bazar but the whole of the very extensive establishment placed under her protection are subjected to the greatest inconvenience by the irregularity with which their allowances are paid.

3. Previous to my departure for Calcutta in October last I urged Her Highness in the strongest manner to consult her own character and credit by voluntarily excluding from Her Deooree a person from whose society she could only reap ruin and disgrace, and was not without hope that my advice would have been followed, but although the same advice has been urged upon her since my return and although not only her own principal officers and those of the Nizamut, but also the Nazim, the Nuwaub Munglee and her own father the Nuwaub Shumsher Jung have remonstrated with her on the impropriety of her conduct she seems determined to sacrifice her character & reputation, rather than part with her friend.

4. The credit of the Nizamut however as well as the happiness and comfort of several hundreds of individuals who are dependant upon Her Highness seem urgently to require the Noor Unnissa Begum's removal from the Killah, and I have therefore to request that His Lordship in Council will be pleased either to sanction my employing the same measures which were adopted by Mr. Melville for that purpose or authorize my suspending payment both of the Doollun Begums and the Noor Unnissa Begums allowances until they shall voluntarily comply with my wishes.

5. In his letter of the 5th September 1827, Mr. Melville has recommended that the Noor Unnissa Begum together with her two sons whom he describes as disorderly and discreditable young men should be removed altogether from Moorshedabad, and as I fully concur with him in the expediency of the measure I trust that it will now receive His Lordships sanction.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 4th December 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Govr. Genl.

[1439]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—In continuation of my letter to your address under date the 15th October last I beg leave to inform the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council that the account referred to in the 14th paragraph of that letter has at length been forwarded to me by the Dewan.

2. A translation of this document is herewith transmitted and from it His Lordship in Council will be happy to observe that although the balance represented as existing in the Nizamut Treasury at the close of the year in question is no longer forthcoming—Yet that the money is not absolutely lost to the Nizamut upwards of one half of the sum or Sa. Rs. 1,92,859-11-13-2 having been expended partly on account of charges subsequently sanctioned by Government and partly in advances made to individuals from whom the Nizamut Officers are gradually recovering it.

3. The sum of Sa. Rs. 1,37,239-2-12-1 disbursed in part liquidation of the extra expenditure incurred up to the year 1229 of course comes under the first head and will now be regularly entered in the Accounts of 1233 & the charge of Sa. Rs. 9,130-15 for Expences incurred on account of His late Highness's journey to Beerbhoom is so far similar to it that it has received the sanction of the Agent and been entered in the Accounts of 1231 now before Government, while the sum of Sa. Rs. 46,489-10-1-1 advanced to Noor Jehan Begum & others belongs to the second head and must be considered as an inefficient balance until it can be recovered from those individuals.

4. After deducting these items there remains the sum of Sa. Rs. 1,89,649-3 which the Dewan represents as irrecoverably alienated from the ordinary and authorized purposes of the Nizamut but regarding which I shall hereafter have the pleasure of submitting a separate report.

5th. In my former letter the amount of excessive expenditure remaining unliquidated up to the end of the year 1232 is stated at Sicca Rups. 4,04,161-11-11-2 but as it now appears that this amount includes a sum of Sa. Rs. 19,675 which was disallowed by Government and it further appears that a considerable part of that amount has been discharged, I beg to annex the following statement which I believe will be found correct.—

Extra Expenditure in the year 1226 . . .	57,164- 7-16-2	
Ditto Ditto in the year 1227 . . .	23,276-12-10-0	
Ditto Ditto in the year 1228	1,55,085- 4-17-2	2,35,526- 9- 4- 0
Amount Authorised for the above three years as per Mr. Prinseps letter of the 28th Feby 1823		
Extra Expenditure in the year 1229 . . .	41,737- 2- 0- 0	
Deduct disallowed by Govt. . . .	19,675- 0- 0- 0	
Balance authorised by Govt as p your letter of the 30th April 1824		22,062- 2- 0- 0
Total up to the year 1229		2,57,588-11-4- 0
Deduct liquidated as per statement now transmitted . . .		1,37,239- 2-12- 1
Balance . . .		1,20,349- 8-11- 3
Deduct less Expended in 1230 as p. Accounts of that year . . .		18,717- 4-12- 0
Balance . . .		1,01,632- 3-19- 3
Extra Expenditure in 1231 as p. Accounts now before Govt. .		1,45,614-11-17- 1
Ditto Ditto in 1232 .		
Balance remaining unliquidated . . .		2,47,246-15-17- 0

6. I have already shown that for the liquidation of this large balance there are no funds in the Nizamut Treasury & that our Contingent assets amount to no more than Sa. Rs. 55,620-9-1-1 so that unless the Government are pleased to authorize an advance from the Collectors Treasury the Account must still remain unadjusted.

7. With reference to the 11th & 12th paragraph of my former letter I beg to observe that I have not yet received an account of the Deposit Fund either from the Accountant General or the Collector and am therefore under the necessity of requesting that His Lordship in Council will be pleased to instruct either of those officers to furnish me with it.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 11th December 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

Enclosure

Particulars of the Expenditure of the balance represented as existing in the Nizamut Treasury at the close of the year 1232 B.S.

Balance in the Nizamut Treasury at the close of the year 1232 B. S. as per Account No. 2			3,82,508-14-13- 2
Deduct			
Paid in part of the amount of excessive expenditure authorized by Government on the 28th February 1823 & 30th April 1824 Viz.			
Installation expences of His late Highness the Nuwaub Wallahzah		89,062- 0-12- 0	
Funeral expences of the late Nuwaub Aleezah		20,816-12-10- 0	
Due to individuals paid thro' Rae Gungadhur		15,380- 0- 0- 0	
Paid to Moshaldars		5,796- 3-13- 1	
Paid to the Emarut Dept.		6,184- 1-17- 0	1,37,239- 2-12- 1
		Balance Sa. Rs.	2,45,269-12- 1- 1
Explanation of the Balance Amount recoverable Viz.			
Advanced the Noorjehan Begum & now under repayment by Monthly Instalment of 100 Rups.		4,106- 0- 0- 0	
Ditto to Hackimul Mulk Do. Do. of 50 Rs.		2,500- 0- 0- 0	
Ditto to Roz Afzoo Khan Do. Do. 50 Rs.		2,420- 0- 0- 0	
Ditto to Fyz Ally Sowdagur as an advance for the purchase of horses		2,550- 0- 0- 0	
Ditto to the Nuwaub Mustuffa Khan on the marriage of His sister & now under repayment by monthly instalment of 500 Rs.		14,000- 0- 0- 0	
Ditto to Omda Begum on the marriage of Her son & now under repayment by monthly instalment of 150 . .		5,000- 0- 0- 0	
Ditto to the Kullumdan Khannah		8,456- 2- 0- 0	
Ditto on account of the Diet of Dandies to be repaid from the Jagir Collections		2,882-15-10- 0	
Ditto to Shahzadee Begum & now under repayment by monthly instalment of Rups. 40/-		1,000- 0- 0- 0	
Ditto to the Nizamut Serishtah as an advance of salary to Muhouts		215-10- 0- 0	
Ditto for the repair of the Chumpapookher House . .		317- 0- 0- 0	
Ditto to the Ashoor Khannah		594- 2-10- 0	
Ditto to Dullip Singh as an advance of salary to Karries .		600- 0- 0- 0	
Ditto to the Behlah Department as an advance of salary to the Molazims & Ditto Ditto		1,847-12- 1- 1	
Ditto for travelling charges of the late Nuwaub Wallahjah on the occasion of his Journey to Beerbhoom . . .		9,130-15- 0- 0	
		55,620- 9- 1- 1	
Amount irrecoverable Viz.			
Expences incurred by the late Nuwaub Aleejah . : .	80,138- 3- 0- 0		
Ditto by the late Nuwaub Wallahjah	89,488- 0- 0- 0		
Amount Embezzled by Meer Kishore Ally Barreedar . .	12,638- 0- 0- 0		
Amount advanced to Nussir Uddin Hyder Sahebzado who has since died insolvent	3,125- 0- 0- 0		
Advanced to Bebee Mehurroon Nissa who has since died insolvent on the occasion of her departure for Mocca . . .	2,000- 0- 0- 0		
Ditto to Lutfoonnissa Khanum & who has since died insolvent	2,260- 0- 0- 0	1,89,649- 3- 0- 0	2,45,269-12- 1- 1

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 11th December 1828.

E. E.
D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Govr. Genl.

[1440]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have to request the favour of your paying to Nuwaub Bhow Begum the sum of Sicca Rupees (20,000) twenty thousand in full of the sum authorized by Government for the marriage of the Begums daughter for which she will grant her receipt.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 11th Decr. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1441]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secretary to Govt., Fort William.

Sir,—As I consider it of great importance that the Students of the Nizamut College, should occasionally undergo an examination under the superintendence of a Gentleman familiar with the various branches of study pursued in that Institution, and it is now nearly two years since that duty was performed by Captn. Ruddell of the Calcutta College. I take the liberty of suggesting that Captain Ruddell, who I understand will be at liberty about the end of January, be deputed for that purpose in the course of the present cold season.

Captain Ruddell's travelling charges would of course be defrayed from the College funds as proposed on the former occasion.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 13th December 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Govr. Genl.

[1442

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Babur Ully Khan having appointed Meer Burkut Oollah to receive his stipend in the room of Unnoop Singh I have therefore to request that you will be pleased henceforth to pay the Khan's stipend to Meer Burkut Oollah.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 22nd Decr. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1443]

S. Fraser Esquire,
Deputy Persian Secretary to Government,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to enclose a letter from Her Highness the Nuwaub Ameer Un nissah Begum to your address & to be.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 24th Decr. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Govr. Genl.

[1444]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill for Sa. Rs. 544-10-8 with my receipts in duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 24th Decr. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1445]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that Lala Motee Lall—Dewan to the Nuwaub Mudar Uddowlah and the Murium Begum being about to visit Juggun Nauth, is anxious to be furnished with a Rahdaree Purwàneh for the protection of himself and property on the road.

I take the liberty of enclosing a copy of a Purwaneh with which the Dewan appears to have been furnished on the occasion of his visiting Lucknow in the year 1805, and trust that His Lordship in Council will see no objection to his experiencing a similar favour on the present occasion.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 24th Decr. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1446]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Govt., Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose two letters from Her Highness the Nuwaub Ameer Un nissa Begum, one to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General and the other to yourself.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 24th Decr. 1828.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1447]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to inform you that I have this day received a letter from the Rajah of Benares who has obtained the permission of Government to visit Calcutta and is now halting for a few days at this place—Stating that a deficiency of water in the Bhageerutty river had obliged him to forward the whole of the boats containing his treasure, by the Jellunghy and that he was in consequence exposed to considerable inconvenience on account of present expences.

The Raja is therefore anxious to receive an advance of fifteen thousand rupees from the Public Treasury, and with reference to the peculiar circumstances of the case I trust you will have no objection to grant him this accommodation.

The bearer Sham Lal Khezanchee will produce his own and the Raja's receipt for the amount, which the Raja engages to remit as soon as he shall have reached Calcutta, and in the meantime should you require any farther security you are at liberty to consider this Office as responsible for its repayment.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Office of A. G. G., D. Dale,
the 9th January 1829. *Offg. Agent Gr. Gl.*

[1448]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Understanding that the estates of Rookunpoor, Sreekishenpore, and Chandpoor, which are recorded in your office in the names of Hoosain Kooly Khan and Meeah Busheer, have been advertised for sale on account of a balance of Revenue, I take the liberty of requesting that the arrear may be liquidated by a deduction from the Nizamut stipends for the present month.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 21st Jany. 1829. *Offg. A. G. G.*

[1449]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to inform the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council that Syud Muhummud Hoosain, whose marriage with one of the daughters of the late Nawaub Aleejah has received the sanction of Government is anxious to receive an advance of five thousand rupees from the Deposit Fund, to assist him in defraying his marriage expences.

As Mahummud Hoosain will necessarily be exposed to considerable expences on the occasion referred to, and he proposes to repay the amount solicited, by monthly instalments of two hundred rupees, so that the whole debt will be cancelled in little more than two years, I take the liberty of recommending a compliance with his request.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 21st January 1829. *Offg. A. G. G.*

[1450]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to report for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council the death of Bukshie Begum, a Munkooah of the late Nuwaub Nusseer Ud Deen Hyder, who, under the head of Sahibzadehs, received from the Behlah Treasury a monthly allowance of one hundred rupees agreeably to the orders of Government dated the 15th of August 1823.

Bukshie Begum has left one daughter named Ameer Un Nissa, now about sixteen years of age, entirely dependant upon the Nizamut, and it is therefore proposed that she should receive Eighty rupees a month from the above sum, and that the remaining twenty should be resumed.

Of the sum allotted to the young Lady it is farther proposed that twenty five rupees a month should be allowed to accumulate in the Nizamut Treasury for the purpose of defraying her marriage expences and that she should receive the remaining fifty five for her present support.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 24th January 1829. *Offg. A. G. G.*

1451

A. Smelt Esquire,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a Copy of a letter from the Persian Secretary to Government dated the 24th Ultimo, authorizing an advance of Sa. Rs. Five thousand to Syud Mohummud Hossein from the Nizamut Deposit Fund, to be repaid by Monthly instalments of Rupees Two hundred.

I beg also to enclose my Duplicate receipts for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 4th Feby. 1829. *Offg. A. G. G.*

1452

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I herewith do myself the honour of forwarding a letter from His Highness the Nazim to the address of the Governor General, together with a Copy & translation of one addressed to myself, and, with reference to the delay which has occurred in the transmission of the former, beg leave to explain that it was retained with the consent & approbation of the Nazim, for the purpose of enabling me to make more particular enquiries in regard to His Highness's age, which I conceived to have been inaccurately stated in the letter to His Lordship.

2. In that letter as well as in the one to myself it will be observed that His Highness states the date of his birth to have been the 15th of Assin 1217 B. S. corresponding with the 29th or 30th of September 1810, in which case His Highness would have attained the full age of eighteen years on the 30th of September last, while I allege that His Highness's birth did not take place till the 15th of Assin 1219 B. S. and that His Highness consequently still wants nearly twenty months to complete his majority.

3. The grounds on which I have formed the above conclusion as well as the arguments by which the Nazim supports his own statement are so fully detailed in His Highness's letter to my address, that it seems scarcely necessary for me to repeat them in this place—I therefore merely beg leave to remark that His Highness's appearance seems to indicate a greater age than I have assigned to him and that his own account regarding the date of his birth is confirmed by his mother and the different individuals connected with her Deoree, but is at the same time contradicted by other members & dependants of the family with whom I have conversed on the subject—It is also confirmed by the astrological calculations and other papers to which His Highness refers provided these documents are deemed authentic.

4. It remains therefore for His Lordship in Council to determine whether His Highness has actually completed his eighteenth year or otherwise but in the meantime it will afford His Lordship satisfaction to learn that the improvement which has taken place in His Highness's conduct during the last twelve months has been such as to excite general observation, and as His Highness is by no means deficient in natural abilities I should conceive that in the event of His Lordship resolving to place the management of the Nizamut in His Highness's hands, it would not be necessary to impose any checks upon his measures beyond those which have been uniformly exercised by Government towards each succeeding Nazim, though it might be advisable, for the purpose of preventing any confusion in the accounts, that the management of the expenditure should not be transferred to His Highness until the conclusion of the present Bengal year.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 5th February 1829.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Gr. Gl.

Enclosure

Translation of His Highness's letter addressed to the Agent to the Governor General dated the 7th Jamodoosanie 1224 Hijree.

After the usual compliments.

From what you have been pleased to say, it appears to me that the doubts you entertain respecting my exact age, are founded upon information derived from persons, who are anxious for the continuance of my wardship in order to prolong their days of profit and emolument. If, however, in conformity to the conversation which passed between us the other day, you refer to the account of the Horoscope taken at my Birth and make enquiries of respectable persons, the truth will be manifestly known, and the scruples entertained will be satisfactorily removed.

In detailing in this letter the following particulars, my intention is, without causing you any in convenience or trouble, to set forth the exact circumstances of the case, and to dispel that curtain of Intrigue, with which designing persons have attempted to darken it.

1st. Interested persons, contriving to throw obstacles in the way, have produced before you the account of the 15th Assin 1219, which includes the expense made on the 6th day after my birth, and from which, taking it to be substantial proof, you are pleased to infer, that I was born on that date in that year—That document, however, I presume, will not be entitled to your attention and consideration after the following explanation—At the period of by birth, or in the year 1217, Sidhee Umbur Ulee Khan who was Darogah of the Kullumdan Khana, and who by my Grandfather Bubbur Jung—was appointed Tutor to both my Father and Uncle, had the management likewise of their pecuniary affairs, and defrayed the expense attending the ceremony of my Chuttee—In compliance with an application preferred by my Father, my Uncle was pleased to direct the repayment of that expense from the Meer Samanee Department ; and accordingly that expense was charged in the accounts of 1219—The date of my birth cannot, therefore, be computed from the date specified in that account ; for, several items both of Receipts and disbursements, have been credited and debited in the Accounts after the lapse of 2 or 3 years ; this practice still continues, and the inspection of the former and recent papers will have fully corroborated this assertion —You are also of opinion, that had the expense of a preceding year been included in that accounts of a subsequent one the specific date of the expenditure ought to be mentioned—This is certainly true: But again be pleased to consider—Had the expense been incurred by the Nizamut, and had it not been introduced in the Accounts of the Year in which it took place it would be undoubtedly requisite, when brought to account, to mention distinctly the year in which it was incurred—But that expense was made in another quarter, and simply ordered by the Nazim to be repaid: what necessity in this matter could there be for precisely stating the year of the original disbursement—Besides, who could so far foresee into the Dispensations of Providence, and Know, that the Government of the Nizamut, from my Uncle and Father, could, in so short a time, devolve upon me, and be careful to note down the date of my Birth, in the accounts of the year in question.

2nd. Mr. Ricketts, late Agent to the Governor General, in the 2d paragraph of his letter of 31st December 1822, on the subject of apportioning an allowance for my mother Nujeeboon Nissa Begum and myself, states, according to the information conveyed in my Father's letter, of which he transmitted a copy, that he had a Begum, and a son of 11 years of age—It is certain, that the mention of my age in that report, was merely assumptive, and the grounds of that assumption derived simply from the letter of Nuwab Wallajah, of which there is a copy in the Records of the Nizamut, and in which there is no specification of my Age—But, on the contrary, it is therein plainly stated, that his son (myself) was then nearly attaining the Age of discrimination, capable of understanding, & accomplished in manners—Hence it seems manifest, that it was the intention of my Father to represent my being, at that time, above 12 years of Age, according to the account of the Horoscope—Otherwise he would not have written so—The original and duplicate of that letter are in the Agents office, and in the office of the Persian Secretary—By referring to which, you will be fully satisfied on this point ; and, under the circumstances stated, be convinced that Mr. Rickett's representation of my being 11

years of Age at that time, was merely founded on supposition.

3rd. Mr. W. Loch, in his Report of the 30th Octr. 1824, after alluding to the information previously given in his letter of the 27th October of the Nuwab Wallajah's serious illness and expected termination of his earthly career, states that His Highness departed this life in the 29th Year of his age, leaving a son named Mobaruk Ullee Khan, entering in his 13th year.

Independently of the incongruity which exists respecting my age in the letters of Mr. Ricketts and Mr. Loch, the latter gentleman's letter was written and dispatched on the very day of the Nuwab's decease—On that day all the people were in lamentation, sorrow & grief.—It must be presumed, therefore that Mr. Loch also mentioned my age upon no other grounds than supposition—Moreover, Mr. Rickett's letter and Mr. Loch's letter were not written for the express purpose of reporting my exact age; otherwise they would surely take the necessary steps for ascertaining the truth on this point. They simply in their communication on other subjects, appended the mention of my age as a supplementary piece of information—Even then, there is disagreement on this point in their respective statements. How can these statements therefore, refute the evidence contained in the account of the Horoscope and maintained by the Salgeerah.

Now be pleased to consider that between the information extracted from the account of Receipts and Disbursements, and the information contained in the letters alluded to above there is no agreement—Consequently how is it possible that those defective documents can be admitted to disprove the testimony borne by the Account of the Horoscope and the Salgeerah.

On the 11th Rubbeeussona 1224 Hijree I addressed a letter to the Governor General on the subject of my age, that letter contains an accurate account thereof—In the account of the Horoscope, which is prepared by astrologers, and in the Salgeerah, it is impossible to make any alteration whatsoever—The preparer of the accounts of Horoscopes is Sheebnath Astrologer, and the person who Knots the Salgeerah is Meer Hosain Fazul Sahib, who has performed this duty all along—My mother, and other well informed Persons are, thro' the blessing of Providence, yet in existence after making enquiries of those several persons you will be pleased to address the Governor General in Council on the subject, and transmit a copy of this letter.

His Lordship in Council, interested as he is for my welfare and happiness, I fell confident will, after taking into his consideration the foregoing statement, comply with my wishes, and remove that anxiety and distraction which at present overwhelm me—Having attained the age of Majority and possessing proper sense of rectitude, I am actuated by no other feeling in desiring to obtain the administration in my hands, than the consideration of the disesteem with which the generality of people would view me, were I yet to remain deprived of the right of governing my own affairs ; and likewise to obstruct the doors of imposition, fraud, embezzlement, and every kind of confusion which have continued open for a long while, and respecting which I addressed you a letter sometime ago.

Looking upon you, in the light of my Friend, anxious for my Welfare and prosperity, I entertain the hope that you will lay this subject in a friendly and favorable manner, before the British Government, and by obtaining a gracious reply thereto, administer peace and comfort to my mind.

[1453]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—With reference to my letter of the 5th Instant, I take the liberty of suggesting to Government whether it would not be desirable to have a handsome set of Plate prepared for the purpose of being presented to His Highness, on the occasion of his being admitted to the management of the Nizamut.

2. In Mr. Loch's plan for the appropriation of the Deposit Fund, a sum of one lack of rupees is set apart for the purchase of a set, which it was proposed to present to the Nuwaub on the completion of the Palace, but I need only mention that the foundation of the Palace is not yet laid, and in the meantime, His Highness is scarcely able as regards the Article of plate to entertain his European friends, even in the style of a private gentleman much less in a style becoming his exalted rank & station—His Highness's establishment is in fact singularly defective with respect to this particular article and I therefore again take the liberty of suggesting that his becoming of age would afford a very favorable opportunity of supplying the deficiency, in a manner which could not fail to prove highly gratifying to His Highness.

3. The sum proposed by Mr. Loch would I conceive be quite sufficient for the purpose.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th Feby. 1829.

D. Dale,
Offg. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1454]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to transmit Col. McLeod's affidavit from the 1st of July to the 31st of December last, duly attested.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 20th February 1829.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1455]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill for Sa. Rs. 544-10-8 with my receipts in duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 20th Feby. 1829.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1456]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill for Sa. Rs. 544-10-8 together with the receipt in duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th March 1829.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1457]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I request the favour of your paying to the bearer the sum of Eighteen thousand Rupees in full of the arrear of the stipend due to the Nowab Abool Hossein conformably to the statement received with your letter of the 28th July 1826.

2. I beg to enclose receipts in duplicate for. the amount.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th March 1829.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

1458

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to report for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council the death of Nujfeea Begum alias Mootee Begum who under the head of Sahibzadas received from the Nizamut Department a monthly allowance of thirty rupees agreeably to the orders of Government under date the 4th May 1822 and at the same time beg leave to recommend that the allowance be continued to the Husband and son of the deceased in the following proportions namely—

To Syud Ally (Husband)	10
To Syud Bakir Ally (son)	20
	30 rupees

—I have etc.

Office of A. G G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th March 1829.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1459]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to report for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council that a Marriage is at present in contemplation between Ikram Uddeen Allie son of the late Nuwaub Yasoob Ooddeen Ally Khan, and Fatima Begum, daughter of, Jigree Begum, and that both the bridegroom and the mother of the bride have applied to me for assistance from the Deposit Fund to enable them to celebrate the Nuptials.

2. Mr. Loch having already recommended, in the statement annexed to his letter of the 30th August 1824, that a sum of 5,000 Rs. should be granted to Jigree Begum for the above purpose, I have only to express my concurrence in that recommendation, and as Ikram Uddeen Ally has no other means of defraying the expence to which he will be subjected on account of his marriage, I beg farther to recommend that he be allowed an advance of five thousand Rupees, to be repaid by a deduction of 125 rupees a month from the stipend of 370 rupees which he receives from the Nizamut.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 30th March 1829.

D. Dale,
Ag. Agent Govr. Gl.

[1460

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to report for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council that Meer Lootf Oollah the present Darogah of the Palkee Khaneh, and a distant connection of the Nazim, is anxious to obtain a loan of two thousand rupees from, the Deposit Fund for the purpose of enabling him to discharge a debt to the above amount, which he has incurred to bankers in the City, and for which he is compelled to pay a very high rate of interest.

2. Meer Lootf Oollah proposes to repay the advance now solicited, by a deduction of fifty rupees a month from the allowance of seventy rupees which he receives from the Nizamut and at the same time promises to Exercise such a degree of economy in the future management of his affairs as will prevent his again becoming involved—I therefore take the liberty of recommending his case to the favourable consideration of Government. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 30th March 1829.

D. Dale,
Ag. A. G. G.

[1461]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I yesterday had the honour of proposing that the Darogah of the Palkee Khaneh should be accommodated with a loan of two thousand rups. from the Deposit Fund for the purpose of enabling him to discharge a number of debts which he had contracted to native bankers, and must now recommend the extension of a similar indulgence to Ushruf Un Nissa Begum,

daughter of the Nuwaub Ushruf Alee Khan and sister of the Nuwab Jan who is anxious to effect an arrangement with her creditors and at the same time to provide for the repair of her house which is said to be in a very ruinous state.

2. The amount of accommodation required by the Begum is three thousand rupees which she proposes to repay by a deduction of 125 rupees from her stipend—So that the whole amount advanced would be repaid in two years.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 31st March 1829.

D. Dale,
Ag. A. G. G.

[1462]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have to request the favour of your furnishing me with a draft on the General Treasury, in favour of Messrs Hamilton & Co., for twenty five thousand Rupees, in part of the amount authorized by Government for the purchase of a service of plate for His Highness the Nazim.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 31st March 1829.

D. Dale,
Ag. A. G. G.

[1463]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I herewith do myself the honour of forwarding, for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, copies of two Letters from the Superintendent of Nizamut Buildings exhibiting the progress made in the several works under his charge, up to the present date.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 4th April 1829.

D. Dale,
Ag. A. G. G.

[1464]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a Copy of my proceedings of the 14th Ultimo together with the paper therein referred to, for your information.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 4th April 1829.

D. Dale,
Ag. A. G. G.

[1465]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have to request the favour of your furnishing me with a Draft on the Collector of Patna in favour of Mr. J. Marley for Sicca Rupees Two thousand in part payment of the Nizamut stipend for this month.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 8th April 1829.

D. Dale,
A. A. G. G.

[1466

A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—In compliance with the instructions conveyed in your Letter of the 28th February 1828 I beg leave to state for the information of the Right Hon'ble Governor General in Council that 106 Maunds of wax candles for the use of the Nizamut will be despatched from Patna by Mr. Radcliffe in the course of next month, and have therefore to request that the Collector of Customs at that place may be directed to furnish him with a Maafee Rowaneh for the same.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 8th April 1829.

D. Dale,
Actg. A. G. G.

[1467]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date & in reply beg to inform you that, the receipts in duplicate for Sa. Rs. 25,000 required by your letter of the 3rd were delivered to your Treasurer on the 4th Instant.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 8th April 1829.

D. Dale,
Ag. A. G. G.

[1468]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have to request the attention of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council to the very necessitious circumstances of the widow & children of the late Meer Ibrahim whose death was reported by Mr. Martin on the 19th December 1818.

2. Their case has excited the commiseration of several successive Agents, and I have reason to believe that it would have been brought to the notice of Government by Mr. Melville had he been permitted to exercise the duties of his office for a very short time longer.

3. The names of the three sons, Meer Futteh Alli, Kurrum Alli, and Ruhim Alli, appear in the Statement No. 3 transmitted with Mr. Loch's letter of the 30th August 1824, with a remark signifying that they were very poor and required relief, and a marginal note in the handwriting of Mr. Melville intimates his opinion that an increase of Stipend would be better suited to their circumstances than a single grant from the Deposit Fund, —It appears to me however that the family requires to be assisted in both of these methods, for while their present allowance, which is no more than twenty five rupees a month, exclusive of twenty rupees which Ruhum Alli receives in behalf of his wife, is altogether insufficient for their support, their poverty has hitherto prevented the marriage of Futteh Alli and Kurrum Alli's daughters, and the whole of the family are experiencing the greatest inconvenience for want of a suitable residence.

4. I therefore take the liberty of recommending in the first place that a grant of 500 rupees from the Deposit Fund be made to each of the three brothers for the purpose of relieving their present necessities, and in the second place, that their Stipend be augmented to seventy five rupees and afterwards distributed in the following proportions namely—

To Futteh Alli (Eldest son) . .	25
,, Kurrum Alli (2nd son) . . .	25
,, Ruhum Alli (3rd son) . .	15
Hoosainee Begum (widow) . . .	10
	75 rupees

—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th April 1829.

D. Dale,
Actg. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1469]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have to request the favour of your furnishing me with a Draft on the General Treasury in favour of Messrs Palmer & Co. for Sicca Rupees nine hundred and sixty Eight, & Eight annas in part payment of the Nizamut Stipend for this Mo.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 15th April 1829.

D. Dale,
Ag. A. G. G.

[1470]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have to request the favour of your furnishing me with Drafts on the General Treasury for the following sums in part of the Nizamut allowances for the present month.

A Draft in favour of Messrs Bathgate & Co. for	511-	9-	0
A Ditto in favour of Messrs Steuart & Co. for	133-	0-	0

—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 22nd April 1829.

D. Dale,
Ag. A. G. G.

1471

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Actg. Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill amounting to Rs. 544-10-8 with receipt in duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 22nd April 1829.

D. Dale,
Ag. A. G. G.

[1472]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—On the 29th November last I did myself the honour of forwarding two letters announcing the death of the Nuwaub Mustapha Khan, the youngest son of the late Nuwaub Syud Moortiza Khan, and have now to request that the Stipend of Sa. Rs. 4,400 per Mensem which was confirmed to the family by the orders of Government under date the 20th May 1811, may be continued in the name of his eldest son, Syud Assud Oollah Khan, for the support of himself and the other members of the family.

2. I am sorry to say that the Nuwaub has died considerably in debt but measures have been adopted for its gradual liquidation which will be greatly facilitated by the minority of his two sons, of whom the eldest is about ten years of age and the youngest scarcely more than eighteen months.

3. It may be proper to mention that a claim to a participation in the late Nuwaub's allowances was preferred by Meer Ismail son of the late Sultan Ruzzeeah Begum—A similar claim however having been disallowed by the orders of Government under date the 31st March 1810 it does not seem to require any farther notice.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 22nd April 1829.

D. Dale,
Ag. A. G. G.

[1473]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to inform you that I have been authorized by the orders of Govt. under date the 10th

April last to advance from the Deposit fund the sum of 5,000 Rs. to Ikram Uddeen Allie & the sum of 3,000 rs. to Ashrufoonissa Begum to be repaid by Instalments of one hundred & twenty five rupees per mensem from each of their stipends.

You will therefore be pleased to pay the sum of eight thousand rupees to the bearer and deduct the sum of one hundred & twenty five rupees a month from the stipend of Ikram Uddeen Ally and a similar sum from the stipend of Ushruf Unnissa Begum commencing from the present month of Bysakh.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 9 May 1829. *Offg. A. G. G.*

[1474]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose for your information a copy of a Khut from Ushrufoonissa Begum to my address and in consequence therewith, have to request that the instalments of 200 rupees a month which is usually paid to Messt. Raj Komur may be suspended for the months of April May & June and the amount forwarded to this office.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 9 May 1829. *Offg. A. G. G.*

[1475]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose two letters from the Nuwaub Bhow Begum one to the address of the Right Honorable the Governor General and the other to yourself.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 13th May 1829. *Ag. Agent to the G. G.*

[1476]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have to request the favour of your furnishing me with a Draft on the General Treasury in favour of Messrs Palmer & Co. for Sicca Rupees Four thousand in part payment of Nizamut Stipend for this month.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 14th May 1829. *Ag. A. G. G.*

[1477]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose an Audited Bill amounting to Rs. 544-10-8 with receipts in duplicate for the amount which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 18th May 1829. *Offg. A. G. G.*

[1478

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I herewith do myself the honour of forwarding for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council a Copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Nizamut Buildings to my address under date the 21st Instant.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 24th May 1829. *Actg. A. G. G.*

1479]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I should feel much obliged by your granting me a Draft on the Collector of Patna in favor of Mr. J. Marley, for the sum of five thousand, in part of the Nizamut allowances for the present month.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 26th May 1829. *Ag. A. G. G.*

[1480]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have to request the favor of your granting me a draft on the General Treasury in favour of Messrs Hamilton & Co. for the sum of Twenty five thousand rupees in farther payment of the sum authorized by Government for the purchase of a set of Plate for His Highness the Nazim.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 26th May 1829. *A. A. G. G.*

[1481]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—The allowance of the late Nuwab Moostafa Khan having been settled by the orders of Government under

date the 8th May last on his eldest son Syud Assud Oollah Khan, for his own benefit and that of the other members of the family I have to request that you will be pleased to pay the arrears at the rate of 4,400 Rs. per mensem from the month of November last & also the stipend for future months at the same rate to Assud Oollah Khan's receipts.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 6th June 1829.

D. Dale,
Ag. A. G. G.

[1482]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—In consequence of the minority of His Highness the Nazim the Government were pleased to direct, by your letter under date the 19th Novr. 1824 that the Nizamut Stipends should be paid to the receipt of Raee Gungadhur, the Naib Dewan countersigned by the Agent until further orders and they have consequently been so paid upto the present time.

His Highness however having now become of age, I conclude it is the intention of Government that they should be paid as formerly to the Nazim's own receipt and I have therefore to request that the Collector of Moorshedabad may be instructed to pay them accordingly.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 15th June 1829.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1483]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have had the honour to receive your letter of the 5th together with its enclosure from the Accountant General under date the 2d Instant on the subject of a balance of Sa. Rs. 89,155 9-1 standing against the Nizamut Stipend establishment ; and, in reply, beg leave to remind the Government that the fund "for defraying the expences of a new establishment for the superintendence of the affairs at the Nizamut" was formed in conformity with the orders of Government under date the 19th October 1816 and 4th Jany. 1817 by the payment, either in Cash or by transfer of the sum of seven Lacks of rupees, to the Collector of Moorshedabad.

2. With the above sum Government Securities to the amount of Sa. Rs. 7,10,600 rupees, bearing interest at six per cent, were purchased, and as the expences of the Agents Office, together with an establishment at the tomb of the Munny Begum amounted at that time to 42,636 rupees per Annum, it was exactly met by the interest of the notes.

3. On the 29th June 1824 however the Accountant General reported to Government that in consequence of the reduction of the interest from six to five per cent, the fund to be provided therefrom would be reduced from 42,636 to 38,019 rupees and therefore begged the Government to determine whether the establishment at the Begums tomb, and of the Agent to the Governor General were to be reduced in proportion to the reduction of the interest or to remain on the scale originally authorized and on the 1st of October of the same year, the Government were pleased to resolve that the establishment of the Agent should remain on the scale originally sanctioned notwithstanding deficiency noticed by the Accountant General in the particular fund assigned for its maintenance, but that the allowance for the tomb of the late Munny Begum should in future be defrayed from the Nizamut Deposit Fund and would therefore cease to be chargeable to the Nizamut property in the hands of the Government Agent.

4. With reference to the above correspondence I believe it has always been understood both by the Agent and by the Nizamut Officers that the difference between the expences of the Agents Office and the interest of the Notes set apart for its payment was to be borne by Government and it certainly seems reasonable to conclude that had such not been the intention of His Lordship in Council, the Nazim would either have been required to encrease the deposit so as to make up the deficiency when brought to the Notice of Government by the Accountant General or that His Lordship would have directed the difference to be paid from the Nizamut Deposit Fund, in the same manner as was done with respect to the establishment at the late Munny Begums tomb.

5. Independant however of these considerations it must be remembered that the uninvested balance belonging to the Nizamut in the hands of Government has for several years amounted to a sum, the interest of which, had His Lordship in Council thought proper to allow it, would probably have exceeded the sum mentioned in the Accountant Generals letter and on that ground alone I should deem it my duty to recommend that the balance pointed out by him be charged to the Government, and not against the Nizamut.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 15th June 1829.

D. Dale,
Ag. A. G. G.

[1484]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 4th November 1826 together with its enclosure from the Hon'ble Court of Directors, on the subject of Hoosainee Begum's claim to a participation in the Stipend of the late Sher Jung, and in reply now beg leave to report as follows:—

2. The subject of the Begum's claim was first brought to the notice of Government by Mr. Martin's letter of the 12th May 1818, in which he stated that in consequence of a petition presented to him by the Begum, in which she represented herself as the daughter of Hooshear Jung and claimed participate on [*sic*] in a pension of 75 Rs. which her grandfather Sher Jung had

drawn from the Nizamut but which had been subsequently resumed, he had called upon the late Naib Dewan for an explanation of the circumstance, and found that on the death of the Petitioners Mother, Usmut Unnissa Begum, the pension of 75 rupees a month formerly received by Sher Jung, was divided by the exclusive authority of the Nazim between Meer Muhummud Baukir, the son of Wahid Ally Khan, His Highness's Vukeel at Calcutta, who received 40 rupees—and Seedee Busheer the Darogah of the Palkee Khana, to whom a portion of 30 rupees was allotted—the remaining 5 rupees being applied to the expences of the Shagerd peshas.

3d. This arrangement was justified by the Dewan on the ground that it had never been customary to refer questions respecting the appropriation of lapsed Stipends received under the head of Moolazimun Imtiazee, to the decision of Government—The contrary however appeared to have been the case, and Mr. Martin therefore remarked that had the petitioners claim to the Stipend in question been satisfactorily established, he should have thought it incumbent upon him to recommend that the arrears, calculated from the date of Usmut Unissa's death, should be deducted from the Nazim's Privy Purse and granted to the Petitioner, but that as the Committee of 1801—had stated in a remark subjoined to this pension that the claim of the minor Syud Jaffer Ally who then held it, was derived neither from affinity nor service but entirely from favour, and seemed to be influenced in recommending the continuance of it, on a reduced scale solely by a consideration of his tender age, he did not consider it necessary or proper to bestow either the whole or any portion of it on Hoosainee Begum, and therefore recommended that it should be resumed and allowed to accumulate with the other unappropriated funds for the general benefit of the Nazim.

4th. Mr. Martins proposal was sanctioned by Government on the 26th of May 1818—and it now appears that the Hon'ble Court concur with the Government in regard to impropriety of His Highness's having disposed of the pension on his own authority, but are not altogether satisfied with the grounds on which the Begum's claim was rejected, observing that although the claim of Jaffer Ally who held the pension in 1801—seemed to have been derived neither from affinity nor service but merely from favour, yet that it does not appear whether the Begum claims it through Jafir Ally in such sort that the weakness of his claim can invalidate hers, and have therefore directed farther enquiries to be made.

5th. From a statement furnished to me by the Dewan it appears that the original amount of the pension was 225 rupees and that it was first granted to Khodeja Begum, daughter of Ismail Ally Khan and wife of Syud Muhummud Khan Sheir Jung, after whose death it descended sucessively to Ahmud Khan Hooshear Jung son of Sheir Jung, and Meer Muhummud Rezza son of Ahmud Khan.

6th. On the death of Muhummud Rizza, a deduction of 100 Rupees was made from it and the remaining 125 rupees was settled on his son Syud Jaffir Ally who continued to enjoy it till the year 1209 B.S. when he died—It was then settled upon Usmut Unnissa Begum, the widow of Hooshear Jung, and the mother of Muhummud Rezza & Hoosaince Begum, the present incumbent, and grandmother of Jafir Ally, who continued to receive it till the year 1215 when a farther sum of 50 rupees was retrenched.

7th. In 1218 Usmut Unnissa died and the allowance was thus distributed in the manner mentioned by Mr. Martin namely—

To Syud Bakir son of the Calcutta Vukeel	40
To Busheer Ally Khan	30
Amongst the Moolazimun of the Shuged pesher	5
	75 rupees

8th. From this statement as well as from the petition presented by Hooseinee Begum to Mr. Martin it is clearly shewn that she has no claim to the allowance in question except through Jafir Ally, and as the weakness of his claim has been demonstrated by the Committee of 1801 it follows that the claim of the petitioner must also fall—with reference however to the length of time that the pension has been enjoyed by the family she seems to me entitled to a little consideration, and I therefore beg leave to recommend that an allowance of thirty rupees a month be granted to her to commence from the 1st of Assar of the present year it being at the same time clearly understood that no claim to arrears will be admitted.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 15th June 1829.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1485]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I should feel greatly obliged by your paying to the bearer the sum of thirty thousand rupees, in part of the Nizamut allowance for the present month, for which I have granted my receipt in duplicate.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 15 June 1829.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1486]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to enclose a letter from His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 20th June 1829.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I herewith do myself the honour of forwarding a Copy of Captain Ruddell's report on the late examination of the students belonging to the Nizamut College, as well as of the candidates for admission to that Institution, which I have to request the favour of your submitting for the information of Government.

2. I regret extremely that I cannot, on the present occasion, have the pleasure of congratulating His Lordship in Council on the continued prosperity of the Institution, but it will be observed that Capt. Ruddell's testimony in regard to the progress made by the several students during the last two years is so far from being favourable that he has deemed it his duty to declare in the 6th paragraph of his letter, after "making every allowance for the circumstances of the Institution, the short period that has elapsed since it was founded, the effects of the example set by the Nawaub's relatives, & the limited means of instruction it possesses with regard to books" "that not a single individual of the Moorshedabad Mudrissa, has made adequate & satisfactory progress in study since" he "last examined the members of that Institution."

3. The causes which in Capt. Ruddell's opinion have produced so unfavourable a result are detailed in the 5th and 8th paragraphs of his report and are, first, the habits and dispositions of His Highness's relations, second, the indolence of the Natives of India when not roused to exertion by the active superintendence of qualified Europeans, and third, a belief which seemed to prevail that His Highness the Nazim was satisfied with the state and progress of the Mudrissa, and such being the case that other authorities ought not to find fault with that which pleases him.

4. The means by which Capt. Ruddell conceives that the Institution might be rendered more efficient in future are also pointed out in the 9th and 10th paragraphs of his letter, and consist simply in having a European officer on the spot capable of superintending and controuling the studies pursued in it, or should that be deemed inexpedient, he then recommends that the course of study should be accurately defined, that the Native Principal should not have the power of altering or abridging it, and that an Aumeen should be appointed, as in the Calcutta Mudrissa, whose duty it should be to observe carefully and constantly the conduct and attention to their studies of all the members of the Institution, and report once a month to a European Superintendent, either at Moorshedabad or elsewhere, the exact quantity read by every scholar during that period.

5th. In regard to the degree of progress made by the various members of the College since the date of the examination in 1827, it will of course be admitted that there is no one so competent to offer an accurate opinion on the subject, as the examiners and I readily acknowledge that I did not anticipate a very favourable report from him but at the same time I deem it my duty to state, that I did not expect to find it so exclusively unfavourable, and I feel impressed with the idea that he has scarcely made sufficient allowance for the circumstances of the institution, and that his connection with similar institutions in Calcutta which enjoy much greater advantages has led him to form expectations in regard to the Moorshedabad College which its actual situation & circumstances scarcely warranted.

6. It is not however my wish to repress all attempts at future improvement and I therefore gladly proceed to examine the causes to which Capt. Ruddell has attributed the present failure and of which it appears to me that the first & second have had considerable influence. In regard to the third, I am not aware that such a belief as that to which Capt. Ruddell refers has any existence or at all events that it has any foundation, unless His Highness's perfect indifference on the subject of the College is considered as such, for I believe he has never yet visited the institution, he hardly ever makes any inquiries regarding it and at times seems to be scarcely aware of its existence.

7. There is I fear very little chance of our being able to remove the first cause of failure, unless so desirable an effect should ultimately be produced by means of the Institution itself, and the removal of the second is the principal means which Capt. Ruddell proposes to employ for improving its future condition. There is however a circumstance to which Capt. Ruddell has not referred but which I am satisfied has had no small effect in producing the unfavourable result of the late examination—which at the same time seems to admit of an easy remedy—I mean the infrequency of the Public examinations—an interval of about two years having elapsed between the only two which have yet taken place.

8. I conceive that Public examinations should be held at least twice a year—and in case Capt. Ruddell's service could not be so frequently spared I would strongly recommend that some other officer, possessed of the requisite qualifications, should be nominated to the performance of the duty, and that another examination should take place about the month of Augt. next. The travelling charges of the examiner would of course be paid from the College funds according to former practice.

9. A Deficiency of resources seems to offer an insuperable obstacle to the plan of having a European Superintendent permanently resident at Moorshedabad, and though the system of Aumeens may perhaps answer in Calcutta where the accuracy of their reports may at all times be proved by the personal visits of the Superintendent, I fear that in situations where they would not be subject to the same controul, their reports would not be entitled to the same degree of credit—or, in other words, that there would be a danger of the Aumeens being influenced by their personal feelings either of friendship or dislike towards the Tutor of the Institution which they were required to visit.

10. For the present therefore I have merely directed a strict observance of the course of study prescribed in the 13th, 14th, & 20th paragraphs of Capt. Ruddell's report, at the same time supplying the deficiency of books, by the purchase of a variety of works which have lately issued from the Asiatic Lithografic Press, and which seems to be highly prized by the Mahomedan Student.

11. In compliance with Capt. Ruddell's recommendation 14 individuals whose progress in study had been least satisfactory and who seemed to afford the least hope of future improvement have been removed from

the Institution while 5 more are retained on half allowances until the next examination when their final expulsion from the college, or readmission to the full enjoyment of its benefits will be determined on with reference to the progress which they may have made in the interim.

12. The five individuals named at the conclusion of Capt. Ruddell's 18th para. have also been received into the institution, so that the number receiving instruction at the present time is 42.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 1st July 1829.

D. Dale,
Actg. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1488]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a copy of my proceedings of the 10 Instt. for your information.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 20 July 1829.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1489]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I herewith do myself the honour of forwarding for your information a Copy of a Persian Letter from Bubbur Ally Khan to my address, and in compliance with the request therein contained have to beg the favour of your paying Bubbur Ally's stipend to Shikh Kulundur Buksh the Mooktar named in that letter.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 8th August 1829.

D. Dale,
Ag. A. G. G.

[1490]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I herewith do myself the honour of forwarding for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, a copy of a letter from Lieut. Col. McLeod, exhibiting the progress made by him in the several works under his charge up to the 7th Instant.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 13th August 1829.

D. Dale,
Ag. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1491]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose two Audited Bills on accot. of the Establishment of the Office Agent to the Gr. Gl. for the months of April & May last, amounting to Rs. 1,089-5-4 with receipts in duplicate which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 17th Augt. 1829.

D. Dale,
Ag. A. G. G.

[1492]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a copy of a letter from Ashruf Oonnissa Begum to my address for your information.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 19th August 1829.

D. Dale,
Ag. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1493]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collr. of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Meer Syud Ally having appointed Shaik Hossein to receive his stipend in the room of Moobaruk Ally I have therefore to request that you will be pleased henceforth to pay Meer Syud Ally's stipend to Shaik Hossein. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 24 August 1829.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1494

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a Copy of a letter from Noor Jehan Begum to my address for your information.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 5 Septr. 1829.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1495]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to annex for your information a Copy of a Letter from the Secretary to Government in

the Persian Department under date the 10th of April last authorizing an advance of two thousand rupees to Meer Lootfoolla for the purpose of enabling him to make a settlement with his creditors, together with a receipt in duplicate for the amount which you will be good enough to pay to the bearer.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 5th September 1829. *Actg. A. G. G.*

1496

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I herewith do myself the honor of forwarding for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council a Copy of a letter addressed to me by the Civil Surgeon at this station on the 3rd Instant, together with the original certificate therein referred to, and have to request the favour of your furnishing me with the orders of Government on the subject of His Highness's proposed excursion on the river at your earliest convenience.

His Highness has been for sometime in a delicate state of health & on visiting him both yesterday and this morning I found him considerably depressed in spirits, but I should hope that a shorter Voyage than that proposed by Dr. Savage would be sufficient for his recovery.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 5th September 1829. *Actg. A. G. G.*

Enclosure

I, John Savage Surgeon at Moorshedabad do hereby Certify that

His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim is in a bad state of Health, and that in my Opinion a change of Air is essentially necessary to his Recovery I do therefore recommend that His Highness proceed on the River as far as Patna or Benares for this purpose.

Moorshedabad, John Savage,
the 3rd Septr. 1829. *Civil Surgeon.*

[1497

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Dept.,
Fort William.

Sir,—I herewith do myself the honour of forwarding two Persian letters from His Highness the Nazim ; one to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General and the other for yourself, on the subject of His Highness's desire to proceed on the river for the benefit of his health.

2. Should His Lordship see (illegible) to comply with His Highness's wish, it will of course be necessary to adopt suitable measures for the preservation of the Nizamut property and also for carrying on the business of the Nizamut during His Highness's absence, and I therefore beg to be favoured with such instructions on the subject as His Lordship may think necessary.

3. Those issued on the 28th July 1821 on the occasion of the late Nuwaub Aleejah's proposed visit to Calcutta seem so well adapted to the end in view, that perhaps His Lordship may be pleased to adopt them on the present occasion.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 7th September 1829. *Ag. Agent Gr. Gl.*

[1498]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Departmt.,
Fort William.

Sir,—I herewith do myself the honor of forwarding a letter from His Highness the Nazim to the address of the Right Honorable the Governor General.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 14th Septr 1829 *Offg. A. G. G.*

1499

A. Stirling Esqr,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Departt.,
Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to report for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council that I have received a letter from His Highness the Nazim enclosing an estimate of the expences which are considered necessary for the purpose of enabling His Highness to proceed on the river as far as Patna, and of which I do myself the honour of annexing an abstract.

2d. The estimate has been prepared with a view to an absence of two months and a half, and amounts to Sa. Rs. 52,000—but I should conceive that, by a little economy, the amount might be very greatly reduced, and therefore take the liberty of recommending that, in the event of His Highness's excursion being sanctioned by Government, he may be allowed to draw the sum of forty thousand rupees from the Deposit Fund on that account.

3d. I regret very much being obliged to make this claim upon the Fund, especially as we are yet in ignorance of its actual condition but His Highness's indisposition seems to impose a necessity upon us, which I fear cannot be avoided.

4. I am happy to say that His Highness's health has improved considerably within the last few days.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 15th Septr. 1829. *Offg. A. G. G.*

Estimate of expense required for His Highness's Excursion to Patna

Boat hire	32,375- 0
Sundry Expences	3,000- 0
Extra charges for the Mushalkhana @ 50 Rs. p. day	3,750- 0
9 Md. 15 seers wax Candles at 70 Rs p. maund . . .	656- 4
Extra charges for the Kitchen at 50 Rs p. diem	3,750- 0
Diet to servants &ca	3,000- 0
Sundry charges	5,468-12
Sicca Rs	52,000- 0

[1500]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have had the honour to receive your letter of the 11th Inst. and in reply beg leave to report for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council that His Highness the Nazim will be happy to receive the same attentions from the Civil and Military Authorities at the Stations which he may pass on his voyage to Patna as were ordered to be paid to his late father on the occasion of his intended visit to the Upper Provinces in the year 1824 and which are referred to in your letter of the 3rd September of that year.

It is His Highness's intentions to embark on Tuesday the 22d Inst. though it is probable that he may not leave the vicinity of the City for some days.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 18th Septr. 1829. *A. A. G. G.*

1501]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the present date and in reply have to request the favour of your deducting the sum of Sa. Rs. 552-5 due from His Highness the Nazim on account of the Revenue of Turuf Kanaipara &ca. for the year 1235 B.S. from the Nizamut allowances for the present month.

With reference to the 2nd paragraph of your letter I beg to state that the lands could not be relinquished without much inconveniences and His Highness will therefore retain them for the present, at the same Jumma which has hitherto been paid for them.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 23rd Septr. 1829. *Actg. A. G. G.*

[1502]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honour to enclose two Letters from Her Highness the Nuwaub Ameer Un Nissa Begum one to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General and the other to yourself.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 23rd Septr. 1829. *Ag. A. G. G.*

[1503]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Dept.,
Fort William.

Sir,—I herewith do myself the honour of forwarding two letters from His Highness the Nazim, one to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General and the other for yourself, and at the same time beg leave to inform His Lordship in Council that H. Highness's fleet left Moorshedabad yesterday evening.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 30 Septr. 1829. *Offg. A. G. G.*

1504]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Secretary to Govt. in the Persian Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I have to solicit the orders of Government in regard to the rate of deputation allowance to be drawn by me for the period during which the indisposition and absence of Messrs Hathorn and Thompson, who had been successively appointed to the Office of Officiating Magistrate at this station, required me to perform the duties of that Office in addition to those of Judge and Officiating Agent.

On every former occasions on which the duties of Agent were performed by the Judge & Magistrate a deputation allowance of 500 rupees a month was assigned to him, and I accordingly drawn that allowance from the 7 Nov. 1827 until the 14 March 1828—when it was reduced to 350 Rupees on the ground that I was then relieved from the duties of Magistrate, and that the Government or rather the Nizamut became chargeable with the deputation allowance of a separate officer for their performance.

I therefore trust that my resuming charge of the Magistracy may be considered as entitling me to remuneration at the original rate.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 2d Octr. 1829. *Offg. A. G. G.*

[1505

A. Stirling Esquire,
Secretary to Government in the Persian Dept.,
Fort William.

Sir,—I herewith do myself the honor of forwarding for the information and orders of the Right Hon'ble the

Governor General in Council a Copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Nizamut Buildings under date the 19th Instt., together with a copy of the correspondence therein referred to.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 21 Octr. 1829.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1506]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Secretary to Government in the Persn. Departt.,
Fort William.

Sir,—I herewith do myself the honor of forwarding two letters from Her Highness the Ameer Unnissa Begum, one to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General and the other for yourself, requesting that His Lordship will be pleased to sanction the appointment of Bussunt Ally Khan as Nazir of Her Highness's Deooree in the room of Zumoorood Ally Khan, whom Her Highness has removed.

2d. The removal of Zumoorood Ally took place so long ago as the month of March 1827 and Bussunt Ally Khan was ordered by Mr. Melville to attend upon Her Highness in the month of October following, but as Bussunt Ally then held the situation of Nazir in the Nazims Khas Deooree and His Highness was unwilling to Dispense with his service the proposal which is now made could not then be brought forward, and in fact his attendance upon Her Highness was at that time considered as merely a temporary measure. He has now however been discharged from the Nazim's employ and Her Highness therefore trusts that his appointment as Nazir of Her Highness's Deooree may meet with His Lordship's sanction.

3d. It is my duty to mention that the character of Bussunt Ally has on several occasions been exhibited to Government in rather an unfavourable light particularly in the 8th para. of Mr. Russell's letter of the 27 Novr. 1821—the 23d para. of Mr. Loch's letter of the 1 March 1824, and in the note opposite to his name in the Statement (marked I) which accompanied Mr. Monckton's letter of the 11 January 1817, but as these circumstances do not appear to have been considered sufficient to bar his employment by the Nazim, there seems to be no good reason why they should be made an obstacle to his holding a similar situation on the Establishment of Her Highness. It is besides to be remembered that Bussunt Ally is now a very old man, and I trust that he has forgotten a great deal of the intrigue to which, at an earlier period of his life, he appears to have been addicted.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 21st Octr. 1829.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1507]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a Copy of a letter from the Civil Auditor under date the 7 Ultimo together with the receipts in Duplicate for Sa. Rs. 544-10-8 which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 24 Octr. 1829.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1508]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Secretary to Govt. in the Persian Department,
Fort William.

Sir,—I herewith do myself the honor of forwarding two letters this day received from His Highness the Nazim one to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Govr. Genl. and one for yourself—intimating His Highness's arrival at Bhugulpore on the 11 Instant.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 24th Octr. 1829.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

1509

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Secretary to Govt. in the Persn. Dept., Fort William.

Sir,—I have much pleasure in forwarding for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council the accompanying Copy of a letter from Dr. Savage under date the 20 Ultimo and of informing His Lordship that the favourable accounts of the Nazim's health are fully confirmed by letters which I have received from His Highness himself of a considerably later date.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 2d Novr. 1829.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1510]

A. Stirling Esquire,
Secretary to Govt. in the Persian Dept.,
Fort William.

Sir,—I herewith do myself the honour of forwarding for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, a copy of a letter from Lieutt. Col. McLeod exhibiting the progress made in the several works under his charge, up to the present date.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 3d Novr. 1829.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1511

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to report for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council the

death of Hossein Ally nephew of Saum Kaour Khowas, who received an allowance of eight rupees seven annas per mensem from the Rajemahl stipend as per statement enclosed in Mr. Rickett's letter of the 18 December 1822.

2. The Nuwaub Mudar Ood Dawlah and the Murium Begum the present heads of the Rajemahl family have recommended that the allowances in question should be continued to Bunnoo Khanum the Wife—Gholam Ubbas the son, and the three daughters of the deceased and as I see no objection to this arrangement I beg to propose it for His Lordships sanction.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 10th Novr. 1829.

D. Dale,
Ag. A. G. G.

[1512]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Ag. Collr. of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a Copy of my Proceeding of the 8th Inst. for your information.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th Novr. 1829.

D. Dale,
A. A. G. G.

1513

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Secy. to Govt. in the Persian Dept., Fort William.

Sir,—I beg to report, for the information of Government, that H. H. the Nazim had an addition made to his family, by the birth of a son, on the 29th Ultimo.

His Highness has now three Children alive, namely, a son and two Daughters, but I am sorry to say, that they are all the Offspring of Concubines.—I have etc.

Moorshedabad,
Agent's Office,
the 16th November 1829.

D. Dale,
A. A. G. G.

[1514]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I herewith do myself the honour of forwarding two letters from His Highness the Nazim, one to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General and the other to yourself, reporting His Highness's departure from Patna on his return to Moorshedabad, where his arrival is daily expected.

2. The letter regarding the removal of the Naib Dewan, to which His Highness refers, shall be forwarded in a few days, accompanied by a few remarks which I conceive it my duty to offer on the subject.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 20th Novr. 1829.

D. Dale,
Ag. A. G. G.

[1515]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I herewith do myself the honour of forwarding two letters from His Highness the Nazim to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General, namely, one letter, soliciting His Lordship's authority for the removal of Race Parusnath from the office of Naib Dewan on the ground of various acts of embezzlement and corruption which are therein detailed, and another informing His Lordship of his having actually removed the Naib Dewan from that situation.

2. The first of these letters has been in my possession for several months and would have been forwarded without any delay had not His Highness repeatedly begged me to retain it, and at the same time assured me that he was almost entirely ignorant and it's contents—that he had been compelled to send it by a number of intriguing persons by whom he was surrounded and who kept him in a state of complete thraldom that these individuals, in order to gain their own sinister ends, had for a long time managed to deceive him in regard to the Naib Dewan's character, but that now his eyes were opened, and that so far from having any complaints to make against him, he believed the Naib Dewan and the Nuwaub Nazir to be the only faithful and Zealous servants in His whole establishment.

3. In conformity with these declarations the Naib Dewan was admitted to an interview with His Highness on the 15th of September last, and, in my presence, received the most flattering assurances of His Highness's favour and promises of future protection, which were repeated on several subsequent occasions: and even after His Highness had left the City on his excursion to Patna, I received a letter from him dated the 7th of October in which he expressed his desire that the business of the Nizamut should be conducted during his absence through the medium of the Naib Dewan and another person whom he united with him for that purpose.

4. It was therefore with no small degree of surprise that I received a letter from His Highness dated the 24th Octr. withdrawing the trust which he had so recently placed in the Naib Dewan's hands, and afterwards His Highness's second letter to the Governor General dated the 30th of the same month dismissing him from his situation and as no sufficient reason can be assigned for so sudden a change of opinion, I am obliged to conclude, either that His Highness is as ignorant of their contents as he acknowledged himself to be with respect to the first letter or else that they are the result of the same intrigue and pernicious influence, to which His Highness has attributed the former.

5. In his first letter, His Highness has stated that "in consideration of the Naib Dewan's nomination having taken place during his minority, with the sanction of the Government, he did not deem it proper to dismiss him without His Lordship's previous sanction." And I therefore conceive myself to be fully Justified in declining to acknowledge his dismissal until such sanction shall be received ; but as the charges require a distinct answer I beg to enclose a copy & translation of a statement received from the Naib Dewan, together with a copy of

His Highness's letter at the same time, take the liberty of submitting the following explanatory remarks which His Lordship will observe to have been written previous to the occurrences of the 15th Sept. and also previous to Mr. Melville's return from the Cape but which I do not on that account, think it necessary to alter.

6. By the first charge the Nawab Dewan is accused of having from corrupt and interested motives caused Pottahs for two Beegahs of land situated in Calcutta to be granted at a rent far below the actual Value of the ground and thereby occasioned great loss to the Nizamut, and on this subject, I regret to say that the Naib Dewan's answer contains almost all the information which I am capable of furnishing.

7. The rates of four and Eight Annas per Cottah per Mensem certainly seem low for land in Calcutta but then it must be remembered that there was a honour of six hundred rupees paid into the Nizamut Treasury, and the Calcutta Vukeel has himself admitted that the ground is low and swampy and that it could only be rented at a small Jumma after a considerable expense had been incurred in filling up its holes and ditches. I find moreover that other lands belonging to the Nizamut and situated in the same vicinity are let at a still smaller rent—for instance a person named Gaya Ram holds seven Cottahs for one rupee or little more than two Annas per Cottah—while another person named Raj Chunder holds ten Cottahs for 12 Annas, or little more than one anna per Cottah—and it seems reasonable to conclude that the persons to whom the Pottahs were granted by the Naib Dewan did not consider the arrangement they had made as so very advantageous when they returned their Pottahs to me through Mr. Palmer, and refused to receive them with the Stipulation referred to by the Naib Dewan, though in point of fact the phrase in question is quite unmeaning and its insertion or omission could not make the slightest difference in regard to their real rights in the ground.

8. Be this however as it may—I have every reason to believe that the individuals referred to will not object to return their Pottahs, and it will then be seen whether Girdharee lal can dispose of the ground to greater advantage.

9. The first part of the second charge accuses the Naib Dewan of furnishing articles of an inferior quality for the immediate use of His Highness, and as the same charge was brought forward in the letter to Lord Amherst which I had the honour of forwarding on the 21st December 1827 and was fully answered in Mr. Melville's letter of which a Copy was forwarded to me with yours of the 27th June 1828 I now beg leave to transcribe the following Extract from it.

"In regard to His Highness's wearing apparel, it became necessary to fix an amount which he was not expected to exceed, as he gave it away with the most careless profersion [profusion?]. I think the amount was about 1,300 rupees per Mensem in addition to the regular allowance in the Nizamut Accounts for clothes for the Nazim, this was done after full inquiry, and no farther objections was ever made. But His Highness still frequently called for more clothes than could be regularly supplied, and on any delay occurring, he was extremely irritated. He once, I remember, complained to me of the quality of the clothes and lase, but, on inquiry I could not satisfy myself that they really were of inferior quality, it being alleged that His Highness was dissatisfied at calling for more clothes than could at the moment be supplied—I therefore warned the Darogah of the Department that my eye was upon him and begged His Highness if he had in future any cause to complain of any article supplied to him, to order them to be laid aside, in order that they might be compared with the patterns, sealed with my own seal, which were deposited in the Nizamut—I understood he was satisfied and heard no more on the subject."

10. Had there really been the smallest ground for complaint in regard to the quality of any one article furnished either for His Highness's private use or for distribution among the different relations or dependants of the family, it is not to be supposed that either His Highness—the Dewan—the Darogahs of the several Departments—or the individuals to whom the Articles were distributed would have long remained silent and yet not a single complaint on the subject has ever been preferred to me ; and I can testify that the rates at which the Articles are charged in the accounts of 1232 are so far from being exorbitant, that they are very considerably less than the rates charged in the Accounts of any one of the preceding seven years with which I have carefully compared them.

11. The fact stated by the Naib Dewan—Namely that notwithstanding all his dishonesty the charges for the year fell short of the Authorized allowance by a sum of fifteen thousand rupees—is indeed a sufficient refutation of His Highness's charge—for the expences usually exceed the established allowances in a very large sum and I believe he is perfectly correct in stating that there is no other instance known in which such a saving has been effected.

12th. The third charge accuses the Naib Dewan of withholding from the Musaldars a sum of about thirty thousand rupees due to them on account of Articles furnished on the occasion of His Highness's Marriage although he had been provided with funds equal to the whole expence incurred.

13. I requested His Highness to furnish me with copies of the petitions stated to have been presented by the Musaldars or at all events to inform me of their names and the amount claimed by them respectively in order that an investigation might take place—but, with this request His Highness has not thought proper to comply, and I can therefore only state that according to accounts filed in the office and bearing the signature of Mr. Melville, the total expences of the marriage were Sa. Rs. 2,27,800 and the amount of assets furnished to the Naib Dewan Sa. Rs. 2,20,700 the whole of which has been paid to the Musaldars to whom therefore the balance remaining due is little more than seven thousand rupees.

14. I have compared the estimate originally produced by the Dewan with the Statement and Accounts filed by Ray Parusnath and find that they fully substantiate the assertions of the latter in regard to the very extensive reductions which he was enabled to make in the prices of the various articles used on the occasion, so that without exceeding the original amount of the estimate he was enabled to provide a sum of 84,8

rupees which was appropriated to other expences not included in the Dewan's statement.

15. With respect to the fourth charge His Highness admits that an investigation was held by Mr. Melville at the time of the alleged occurrence but observes that although the guilt of the Naib Dewan was fully established, no farther notice was taken of the matter.

16. Mr. Melville's sentiments and final decision on the subject have unfortunately not been placed on record, but the evidence of eight or nine individuals including the Darogah, Aumeen, and Khezanchee of the Building Department, who were examined on the occasion, is still forthcoming, and by that, the Naib Dewan is completely exculpated. The evidence, in fact, tends to criminate the Darogah and Aumeen, and we accordingly find that they were immediately afterwards dismissed from their situations.

17. The fifth charge refers to the annulment of the former arrangement for the collection of the rents from the Muhalats and the alleged appointment of a person in the Confidence of the Naib Dewan to the office of Tehseeldar.

18. This also formed one of the charge contained in the letter from His Highness to Lord Amherst above referred to, and may therefore be best answered by the following additional extract from Mr. Melville's letter which substantially confirms the Naib Dewan's statement and shews that the latter had no concern whatever in the arrangement.

Mr. Melville remarks "In regard to the landed property, on first proceeding to Moorshedabad, it appeared, I think that the Dewan had, subsequent to Mr. Loch's death, and without communicating with the Acting Agent (the Nazim being then very young and quite inexperienced) assigned the Muhals in question in farm to some creature or relative of his own, This arrangement of the Dewan's I refused to sanction, and thought it preferable to retain them under Khas management—On some recent inquiry it appeared to me that they had never been so profitable to the Nizamut as since the period in question."

19. It is true that from the commencement of the year 1235 I have been enabled to farm the Muhals at a rent considerably exceeding the Amount previously collected from them, and that an advance of forty thousand rupees from the farmer has enabled me to discharge one half of the debt which has been so long due to Raja Bunwaree Lal—but that has little or no connection with the present charge—The point at issue is simply whether the Naib Dewan, from corrupt and self interested motives, caused the individual formerly in charge of the Muhals to be removed and a person in his own confidence to be nominated in his room, which is distinctly contradicted by Mr. Melville's statement, and in fact, the arrangement which has given so much offence appears to have been made before Parusnath was appointed to his situation. or at all events, before he had arrived at Moorshedabad.

20. The sixth charge which refers to the removal of Nihal Chund and Sadhoo Churn from the office of Musaldars also formed an item in His Highness's address to the late Governor General.

21. Mr. Melville having replied to that letter after his severe illness had compelled him to leave Moorshedabad, and when he had no opportunity of referring to the records of his Office, was unable at that moment to state the whole particulars of the transaction, and therefore observed that he "only recollected the case of one of the Mussalehdars or purveyors for the Nizamut referred to by His Highness, and he was removed for being largely and hopelessly in arrears to the Nizamut"—The grounds of their removal however are distinctly recorded in Persian proceedings held by Mr. Melville on different occasions, and from these documents I conceive that the whole of the Naib Dewan's Statement in answer to this charge in substantially confirmed.

22. With regard, for instance, to Nihal Chund, it clearly appeared to Mr. Melville from the testimony of the Karkhanadars as well as from the Dewan's own statement, that the Dewan participated in furnishing the supplies nominally made by Nihal Chund, and that the former, under the plea of a debt due to him from the latter, was in the habit of receiving the monthly sum of 5,000 rupees allowed to the Mussaldars for the supplies required of him, and therewith purchased the requisite Articles from Gooroopersaud, Nowneed Ray and other Muhajuns.

23. Nihal Chund also admitted to Mr. Melville that the prices charged for the various articles were in some cases fifty, in some a hundred, and in some even two hundred per Cent above the market price. The regular market prices having therefore been ascertained by a reference to the most respectable merchants in the City, Nihal Chund was first asked whether he would undertake to furnish the Articles at those rates, and when he declined doing so Gooroo Persaud and Nowneed Ray were authorized to furnish them.

24. For the removal of Sadoo Churun, there appears to have been two reasons namely first his Connivance at the embezzlement of a sum of 5,358 rups. charged as the diet money of Chelahs who were proved to have previously died, and second his being largely and hopelessly in arrear to the Nizamut, as stated in Mr. Melville's letter either of which would, I conceive, have afforded abundant grounds for his dismissal, and left very little occasion for any undue inteference on the part of the Naib Dewan with a view to effect that object.

25. It is alleged indeed that Gooroo Persaud, who succeeded Nihal Chund in the office of Mussaldar, purchased his situation by a bribe of five thousand rupees, to the Naib Dewan, and that Sadhoo Churun similarly endeavoured to procure the favour of that Officer by a douceur of one thousand rupees, but it happens unfortunately for the proof of these allegations that Sadhoo Churun died a very few days after the date of the petition in which this charge is preferred, which however was not till nearly three years and a half after his removal from the Mussaldarship, and Gooroo Persaud positively denies having paid any money to the Naib Dewan, though he retained his situation only nine or ten months, and consequently can have no interest in concealing the fact supposing it to be really true.

26. The seventh charge relates particularly to myself and it may therefore be sufficient for me to state that it is entirely without foundation.

27. So far from endeavouring to disturb the harmony existing between His Highness and myself, the Naib Dewan has in many instances urged me to overlook the unjustifiable conduct of His Highness towards himself, lest my remonstrances should unhappily produce that effect, and as to prejudicing my mind against the ancient and confidential servants of His Highness, I shall hereafter have occasion to shew that they have, generally speaking, very little claim either to my confidence or good opinion.

28. The eighth charge accuses the Naib Dewan to obstinacy and contumacy in refusing to comply with the proclamation issued by His Highness on the 19th of April last, and which required him to attend daily at the Palace and employ himself along with the other Amlah in preparing the Nizamut accounts.

29. With reference to this charge it might have been sufficient to inform His Lordship that in declining attendance at the Palace, the Naib Dewan merely complied with the instructions which he had received from me, but in order, that His Lordship may understand the real object of His Highness's requisition and the treatment which the Naib Dewan might have expected to experience had I permitted him to comply with it, I shall here transcribe the Naib Dewan's account of a few occurrences which took place during the first three weeks after His Highness's accession to the management of the Nizamut.

"On the first *Bysack* 1236 corresponding with the 12th April 1829, His Highness having assumed the Government of the Nizamut affairs, the whole of the dependants and other persons connected with the Sirkar were honoured with valuable Khilluts and thereby exalted to the Sky, while, in pursuance of my evil destiny I was even precluded from the Customary *downah* and reduced to the greatest degradation—After this, on Tuesday the 3rd of *Bysack* or 14th April the whole of the dependants were prohibited from holding any intercourse with me, the servants who had been in attendance upon me were removed, and, towards the close of the day, a guard of Seapoys was stationed at my house who prevented any person from either entering or quitting it—On the 4th of *Bysack*, or the 15th of April, my house, together with the whole of my property was destroyed by fire—On Thursday the 5th of *Bysack*, I attempted to present a petition informing His Highness of this event, but the door-keepers of the Killah denied my servants admittance and refused to take my petition, as I have already informed you—afterwards, on the 19th of *Bysack* or 30th of April, I received the Copies of the orders issued by His Highness and dated the 19th of April—Previous to the receipt of these orders however I had been directed by you to prepare the accounts up to the year 1235 B.S. with all expedition & I therefore acquainted you with these circumstances on the very day of their occurrence, when you prohibited my attending at His Highness's Palace until the papers should be completed, and acquainted His Highness with your orders—I nevertheless presented a respectful petition setting forth the whole of the above particulars, and remained for sometime in expectation of His Highness's orders upon it, but owing to past incidents and under the direction of Fortune, I have not been so happy as to be honoured with an interview."

30. The expenditure for the year 1235 B.S. having been conducted under the exclusive authority and direction of the Agent I considered it necessary that the Accounts for that period should be prepared under my own inspection, and at the same time deemed it my duty to protect the Naib Dewan from the insults which would undoubtedly have been heaped upon him had I permitted him to wait upon His Highness, for I am sorry to say that His Highness, not content with degrading the Naib Dewan in the eyes of the other members of the Establishment by refusing to accept his Nuzzers and frequently obliging him to remain standing while every one else in attendance at his Durbars and the greatest portion of them inferior in rank and situation to the Naib Dewan, were permitted to be seated, by sending for him in the morning under pretence of having business to transact with him, and after allowing him to stand all day at the Palace door, dismissing him in the evening with an order to attend the following day, when the same scene was gone through, and employing various other means of annoyance of a similar nature, has occasionally so far forgotten the dignity of his own character as to threaten him with corporal punishment and abuse him in the grossest terms in the presence of surrounding multitudes, so that both Mr. Melville and myself were at last obliged to direct that his attendance at the Palace should be altogether discontinued, though he has several times violated these orders in order that he might not be chargeable with a want of respect towards his employer.

31. In this charge His Highness has referred to an alleged irregularity in the distribution of the Nizamut Stipends, and the Naib Dewan has entered into a long explanation with a view to his own instification [justification?] in that respect, but as the real state of the case can only be ascertained by a careful examination of the Accounts which are now in course of preparations, I must decline entering upon this question until these Accounts are ready observing in the meantime that His Highness does not seem to charge the Naib Dewan with an dishonesty, but merely alleges that the money has been appropriated to other Nizamut purposes, instead of being applied to the discharge of the salaries and other regular allowances, which have consequently been allowed to fall into arrears.

32. The only part of the Ninth paragraph of His Highness's letter which contains anything like a distinct charge against the Naib Dewan, is that which refers to his conduct after the Chobedars, Hurkarahs and other servants who had been for a time withdrawn, had received authority for resuming their attendance upon him, and which alleges that his disobedience & obstinacy were then exhibited in a two fold degree.

33. This is the last charge which His Highness's letter contains, and as it is sufficiently answered by the assurance that as far as I have had an opportunity of observing the conduct of the Naib Dewan towards His Highness has ever been most respectful and becoming, I shall proceed to record it as my opinion, after the most careful consideration of the whole case, that not one of these charges has been established against him, and that so far from having rendered himself liable to a dishonourable dismissal, he has established a claim to His Highness's favour by a Zealous and faithful discharge of the duties intrusted to him.

34. A few of the instances in which he enabled the Agent to correct a corrupt and vicious system of management especially in regard to the Nizamut Funds, have been noticed in the preceding paragraphs and many more might easily be adduced, but for the present I shall content myself with referring to the accounts for the year 1230 forwarded with Mr. Melville's letter of the 14th January 1826 and those for the year 1231 forwarded by me on the 15th October 1828 from which it will appear that in the former year a sum of 31,552 rupees and in the latter, a sum of 17,869 rupees was saved to the Nizamut, which, without the exertions of the Naib Dewan, would have been embezzled by the other officers.

35. Such being the case, it may seem strange that the Nazim should feel so great an anxiety for Parusnath's removal, but the circumstance is easily accounted for when we remember that His Highness does not act without counsellors, and that the individuals who have at present the greatest influence over him, are chiefly those who have been deprived of their unjust gains by the Naib Dewan's interference. Has His Highness may have found [*sic*] his own personal allowances affected by the same cause for though there may be an appearance of contradiction in the assertion that His Highness connived at the robberies committed upon him by his officers and were participated in the spoil, it will appear from the remarks annexed to the accounts for the years 1230 & 1231 that the amount of several fictitious Charges inserted in those Accounts had been transferred to the Privy Purse, and the investigation held by Mr. Melville in regard to the Mussaldars established the fact that a sum of 500 Rupees a month, in part of the amount nominaly advanced to the Mussaldars for the purchase of the Articles which they were required to furnish, was similarly appropriated.

36. Under these circumstances it was not to be expected that the Naib Dewan should be patronized either by His Highness or his advisers, but with the exception of those who are directly interested in encouraging and perpetuating a system of abuse and fraud I believe almost every individual connected with the Nizamut would sincerely lament his removal from that situation and I must confess that I should myself war [*sic*] of it with very great concern.

37. In originally proposing the appointment of Ray Parusnath to the office of Naib Dewan Mr. Melville remarked that on a full consideration of the subject it had appeared to him expedient to appoint to the situation a person not hitherto employed in the Nizamut—that on inquiry there did not appear to be a single individual among the servants whose character and talents fitted him for the situation—that the common interest felt in continuing abuses and frauds pointed out the expediency of selecting some person who should not have been trained to regard them as desirable and that it seemed an object to have one individual in the Nizamut who should look up rather to the Agent than to the lavish and fictitious expenditure pointed out in a recent communication from Government and it will not be alleged—that these arguments have lost any of their force when I inform His Lordship that the very first act of His Highness's administration was to restore to office the whole of the individuals whom Mr. Melville removed after the clearest proof of their misconduct and unfitness,—The person, in fact, whom His Highness has appointed to one of the most important situations on his new establishment is a man who has long boasted of his contempt of the Agents authority and who is, moreover, notorious for the immorality of his conduct, and the duties of Mussaldar have been again intrusted to the very individual for whose dismissal such ample grounds have been exhibited in the paragraphs of this letter and who I have no doubt has compounded for his situation by a renewal of the arrangement for the benefit of the Privy Purse which was proved to have existed when he formerly held the Office.

38. These persons therefore may now be considered as united together by a solemn compact either to withhold all information from the Agent or to furnish him only with that which is false, & at all events, to assist each other to the utmost of their power in their schemes of plunder & depredation & I humbly submit that without a little assistance the Agent would have very little chance of being able successfully to oppose so powerful a coalition.

39 The Dewan is no doubt the person to whom the Agent would naturally apply in such an emergency, but if I have not already said enough to prove the point, a reference to the concluding paragraphs of Mr. Melville's letter to Government above noticed will clearly shew that any hopes which he might entertain of receiving aid from that quarter would be woefully disappointed so that the Naib Dewan is the only person from whom he could expect to receive anything like cordial cooperation or effectual assistance in his endeavours to check imposition and fraud and I sincerely trust that His Lordship in Council will not deprive him of that aid.

40. It is true that the opposition which Ray Parusnath would probably experience both from His Highness and his Officers would lend very greatly to limit his usefulness—but still they never could deprive him of the information which his performance of the duties of Naib Dewan for the last four years & a half has enabled him to acquire in regard to every department of the Nizamut, and I need not say that in consequence of the particular constitution of the establishment there are innumerable important particulars regarding which it would be quite impossible for the Agent to make himself acquainted except through the medium of some native who has had opportunities of prying into its arena similar to those enjoyed by the Naib Dewan, and upon whose communications he could place some reliance.

41. I must therefore again request that His Lordship will not consent to the Naib Dewan's removal.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 1st December 1829.

D. Dale,
Acting Agent Govr. Gl.

Enclosure No 1.

Translation of a letter from His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General, dated the 15th Zilhiz 1244 Hijree.

After the usual Compliments.

Assured of your Lordship's concern both for the Welfare of myself & the Nizamut, I beg to represent certain Circumstances connected with fraudulent conduct, peculation, perfidy, deceit, & malice of Ray Parus-

nath, the Naib Dewan which have come to my knowledge in order that the irregularities & abuses now existing may be corrected, that the anxiety and perturbation which his malice has occasioned me, may be alleviated and that it may serve as a salutary warning to persons of this description in future.

1st. The Naib Dewan, who, during my minority, had the sole management of the Nizamut affairs intrusted to him under the alleged plea of a Nuzerana of 600 rupees, but in reality for the purpose of promoting his own advantage and in opposition to the Custom of the Nizamut Caused 2 Pottahs one for 1 Beggah 3½ Cottahs and the other for 16 Cottahs of land situated in Calcutta, the real value of which, according to the bazar price is Sa. Rs. 62,000 and the annual rent which it is capable of yielding about 2,352 rupees to be granted one to Gour Mohun Seel, Kishen Mohun Seel & Bishen Mohun Seel and the other to Ishur Chund Mokerjee & Debee Chund Banerjee at a fixed annual rent of only 189 rupees and representing the land as being low & excavated fraudulently caused the signature of the Agent to be annexed to the same—After obtaining their Pottahs, these persons proceeded to take possession of the ground, when Rae Girdhareeloll the Vakeel of the Sirkar, who has also the management of the land in question reported the circumstance to me and at the same time submitted copies of the Pottahs thus granted for my sanction—Upon this I directed him to ascertain the annual produce of the land and also its present value and on receiving from him a statement by which it appeared that it was capable of yielding an annual revenue of Rs. 2,352 & was worth about 62,000 Rupees as already stated I directed that possession of the ground should not be given—It is a matter worthy of consideration, how far it is possible, for good management to be observed, when an officer holding an office of trust, could for the sake of his own Interest, occasion loss to his employer and abuse the confidence reposed in him.

2. For the period of 4 years, during which I was a minor, Mr. Melville, the former Agent, entrusted the general management of the Nizamut, together with my Privy Purse, to the Naib Dewan—The instances in which that person has abused his trust, are too numerous to detail—Had a Committee been appointed, according to my former request, every particular transaction, would have been brought to your Lordship's notice—In particular I may observe that very great neglect has been displayed in the purchase of the different articles, such as cloth, shawls, Grain &ca. required for my own immediate use & for the use of the several other Departments all of which were of a bad & inferior quality—but were nevertheless charged at prices greatly exceeding the market rates as has been proved by an examination of the Accounts & books which were required from the Moodies at the time the Nizamut Accounts for the Bengal year 1232, were drawn up & which bear the signature of the Acting Agent, and are now Extant.

3. Although the Naib Dewan has received the whole Amount charged by him on account of the celebration of my Nuptials, the superintendence of which was intrusted to him it appears that there is a balance of about 80,000 Rs. still remaining due to the Mussaldars, who complained to me on the subject, and though I directed him to furnish an Explanation of the circumstance in the course of a week, he has not yet supplied it, nor obeyed my orders.

4. Shortly after the appointment of the Naib Dewan to his situation he caused a Pucka House, the property of the Sirkar, to be pulled down, & appropriated the materials of the same together with some timbers, which were purchased & deposited at Amance Gunge, for the erection of an Edifice commenced by my late Father, at the Mootee Jheel to the construction of a house for himself at the same time abstracting a large sum of money, for the payment of the Bricklayers & labourers employed in his work, from the Treasury of the Nizamut Buildings —Information concerning this was communicated to the former Agent by the Darôgah of that Department and although the investigation which was held substantially established his guilt, yet strange to say no farther notice was taken of the matter. It is therefore worthy of consideration whether any reliance can safely be placed in a servant so deficient in probity.

5. Formerly, the Muhals belonging to the Sircar, with the approbation of Mr. Loch the late Agent, were farmed out but afterwards resumed & brought under Khas management,—To the situation of Tuhseeldar of those Muhals the Naib Dewan appointed a person in his own confidence, by whose means, he fraudulently obtained large sums of money, as will evidently appear from the papers, which under the direction of Government, were prepared & forwarded to the Acting Agent & which clearly shew the losses sustained in their management during the last 4 Years.

6. The Naib Dewan from sinister motives, dismissed Nihalchund and Sadhoo Churn, two Ancient Mussaldars of the Nizamut—and in their room persons of his own from whom he received bribes to a great amount—Particulars of this transaction have been already set forth in their petitions to the Persian Secretary, as well as in those which they have presented to me & of which I have sent Copies to the Acting Agent.

7. The Naib Dewan, with interested motives is Continually devising means whereby to disturb the Harmony existing between the Acting Agent & myself, which God forbid, and is at the same time, using his utmost efforts to lessen my Ancient and confidential servants in the Agents opinion. This procedure on his part causes great confusion, and is a source of much grief and affliction both to the Agent & myself.

8. On assuming the Government of the Nizamut Affairs on the 19th of April last, with a view to the better management of the business in general which is at present in great confusion & more especially for the purpose of making the requisite arrangements in regard to the 2 mos. Stipends which have fallen into arrears through this Mismanagement of the Naib Dewan, I caused certain rules to be drawn up and ordered them to be read at the Public Durbar—A copy of the proclamation was transmitted to the Acting Agent and I now enclose a transcript of it for your Lordship's information—that your Lordship may be enabled to Judge of its propriety or otherwise—In conformity with the Instructions therein contained the whole of the Umlah have regularly attended at the lower apartments of my residence &

themselves in preparing the accounts up to the year 1235 B.S. in reforming the Serishtah, & in adopting a new system for the transaction of the general business, with the exception of the Naib Dewan, who through obstinacy & contumacy has neither paid attention to the proclaimed orders, nor attended Cutcherry nor filed the Documents required of him.

9. After assuming the management of the Nizamut affairs, with the intention of checking and admonishing the person referred to, I directed such attendents, as Chobedars, Hurkarahs &ca. to be removed from his person—By some means however with which I am not acquainted he induced the Acting Agent to interfere for their replacement to which for his sake I consented, and the disobedience & obstinacy of the Naib Dewan has in consequence been exhibited in a two fold degree.

10. My Lord—Although I entertained the fullest confident that after receiving the report on the subject of the Muhulats, Rumnajauts, Mussaldars, and other matters which agreeably to my request the Acting Agent was required to furnish by the orders of Government under date the 27th June 1828 a consideration of the various frauds practised by the Naib Dewan and the confusion caused by him in the general affairs of the Nizamut but more especially his dishonesty and mismanagement in causing the distribution of the Nizamut Stipends to fall two months in arrear—notwithstanding the regular receipt of the amount from the Collector's Treasury; would have induced your Lordship to order his immediate removal—still as a want of leisure on the part of the Acting Agent is likely to occasion delay in the prevention of this inquiry, and indeed there seems no prospect of any investigation taking place so long as the Naib Dewan retains his situation, as moreover the longer he is allowed to continue in his situation, the greater mischief & confusion he is likely to create and his misconduct & disrespectful behaviour have occasioned me much displeasure—As the arrangements which I am desirous of effecting are retarded by the Naib Dewan's Animosity, Calumny, & obstinacy and as Mr. Melville's proposal for the nomination of the Naib Dewan to his present situation, was sanctioned by Government merely with the view of his assisting the Agent in his management of the Nizamut affairs which in consequence of my minority, were placed under his superintendence. It is evident that after the termination of the Agent's Guardianship, the continuance of such a seditious person in his office only involves an useless expense—and his dismissal becomes indispensably necessary especially as the retention of a person of this description will be attended with much inconvenience in effecting arrangements for the better management of affairs.

11. The Officers of the Nizamut such as the Naib Dewan &ca. have been dismissed from their situations merely in consequence of the displeasure of past Nazims and of various acts of misconduct, as will appear from the cases of Khulleel Oollah Khan, Rajah Mahanund and Rajah Oodwunt Singh—With reference however to former custom, & in consideration of the Cordiality & Amity subsisting between us, and especially in consideration of the Naib Dewan's nomination having been made, during my minority, with the sanction of the Government, I do not deem it proper to dismiss him without your Lordship's previous sanction; but having stated all the circumstances respecting his conduct, I confidently anticipate that after a mature consideration of former custom, as also of the frauds practised, and of the disobedience manifested by this person, and in kind consideration of my dignified station Your Lordship will without hesitation, ratify his dismission.

12. Procrastination in his removal will be productive of much inconvenience—& I have therefore to solicit that your Lordship will be pleased to take an early opportunity of laying this address before your Council, and, favour me with your sentiments on the subject.

Enclosure No. 2.

Translation of a letter from Rae Parusnath Naib Dewan of the Nizamut to the address of the Agent to the Governor General dated the 18th Ussar 1236.

After the usual Compliments.

You have lately been favoured with a letter from His Highness to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in which my dismissal is solicited and you have been pleased to demand from me an explanation regarding the several heads of complaint therein contained—Gracious Sir, His Highness is my Lord and Master, and the disposer of the reputation, the life and property of such a helpless being as myself—To enter therefore into a detail explanation of those particulars would be inconsistent with that Respect which is always due to superiors and would moreover be highly unbecoming and indecorous with this Impression, I declined offering a more particular reply to His Highness's charges and shall content myself with merely pointing out the real circumstances of each charge as deducible from the Sherishteh or records of the office.

1st. With reference to the lands situated in Calcutta, and referred to in His Highness's letter—It is true that a Pottah for 1 Begha 3¼ Cottahs of land, at an annual rent of 141 Rs. was granted to Gour Mohun Seel &ca. and another for 16 Cottahs at 48 Rs. per annum to Eshur Chund Mokherjee & others—It appears however from the statement furnished to the former Agent by Rae Girdharee lol, Vakeel in Calcutta under date the 26th May 1826, that the land for which a settlement had been concluded with Gour Mohun, had then continued waste for upwards of 5 years and that the ground rented to Eshur Chund Mokherjee &ca. was alluvial and would only be capable of yielding a small Jumma after the hollows had been filled up—The granting of the land therefore to the persons abovementioned at an annual rent of Rs. 189 and a Nuzzuranah of Rs. 600 paid into the Nizamut Treasury was an arrangement highly advantageous to the Sircar & instead of being any proof of mismanagement or dishonesty on my part established my claim to the Title of a Well wisher—According to the representation of Rae Girdharee Lal that up to the time when the Pottahs were granted—the land had remained waste for upwards of nine years, during which long period, the Nizamut had not received credit for a single Cowry on account of it—and although large sums of money have been received in the way of Nuzzuranah

a pice of it has been brought to the credit of the Sircar by any former officer—If however it be true, according to the statement furnished by the Rae, that the parcels of land referred to are capable of yielding annually about Rs. 2,352 then it is evident that the former officers have been the means of occasioning a loss of about Rs. 25,000 to the Sircar besides, large sums on account of Nuzuranah & that no blame can attach to me—Bountiful Sir, the exact state of the case is this ; so long as the land remained waste the former Officers of the Sircar, were in the habit of promoting their own advantage by renting it out to the Mahajuns of Calcutta for the purpose of storing Planks, Bamboos, &ca. but as soon as a settlement of it was concluded and a Nuzzuranah received there was of course an end of their gains and abundant proof of their incapacity, and dishonesty and therefore to screen their own guilt and ingratiate themselves with the Nazim, they have uttered all these falsehoods against me—Moreover the Durkhasts of Gour Mohun Seel &ca. were received in May 1828 and even before that time their Mookhteearkars on two separate occasions accompanied the Agent to the spot for the purpose of pointing out the ground. Of which Rae Girdharee Lal very well acquainted with regard to that portion therefore I beg to ask if the ground was really as capable of yielding so much larger a rent what was his reason for concealing the fact and not mentioning it to the Agent while in regard to the portion for which a Pottah has been received by Eshur Chund Mokherjee & others it is sufficient to observe that the Ray himself acknowledges it to have been low & swampy—With respect to the granting of perpetual Pottahs to the persons abovementioned—this is by no means contrary to the practise of the Sircar. The usage of the Sircar merely requires that all Pottahs should include a condition by which the lessee binds himself immediately to comply with any future orders that may be passed by the Huzoor, & the Pottahs originally granted contained a stipulation to that effect—This practice was highly beneficial to the Officers of the Sircar, who were in the habit of taking new Kubooleeyuts & Nuzzuranahs from the Ryuts, without ever making any arrangement for the increase of the Revenue—& the persons to whom the lands were rented, apprehending that the officers of the Sircar, would take advantage of it to call upon them annually to renew their Kubooleeyuts with the view of obtaining Nuzzurranah—refused to receive their Pottahs with such a condition. They, consequently, returned them to the office where they are still extant—and as no loss would thereby be occasioned to the Sircar, I with your sanction omitted the objected phrase and granted other Pottahs, in every other respect conformable to the usage of the Shereshtah—If therefore, any detriment is apprehended from this arrangement, the settlement can be cancelled, and the Pottahs received back.

2. The frauds, peculation and other abuses practised and maintained by the Dewan and other former servants, by which they derived uninterrupted advantage were clearly discovered and brought to light by me and that this is the origin of all the malice and hatred which they bear towards me, and the sole cause of all the deceit they employ for the purpose of gaining me a bad name as well as of all the falsehoods which they invest & represent to His Highness is sufficiently evident—otherwise it is hardly credible that His Highness should deign to complain against so insignificant a servant as myself and solicit the appointment of a Committee to inquire into the Peculations with which I am accused on that notwithstanding the honor & dignity Conferred on me by His Highness the name of Rae Girdhareelol, who has been in the habit of presenting me with Nuzzurs, should never be mentioned in His Highness's letter without all the titles & marks of distinction which have been bestowed upon him while mine is invariably complied with some degrading expression—These circumstances therefore claim your consideration.

3. With reference however to the bad quality of the Articles, such as cloths Grain &ca. referred to in the 2nd paragraph of His Highness's letter although there [they?] are matters for which the Darogahs of the several departments are alone answerable—still to remove all doubts, I beg to observe that had articles of a bad quality really been distributed to the different departments for a period of four years the individuals by whom they were receivable would never have remained silent for so long a time but on the contrary would have been loud in their complaints as you yourself may judge with regard to those required for the personal use of His Highness the examination of the latter rested solely with the Dewan, who, in the event of finding any of them of a bad or inferior quality, would not have failed to bring the matter forward—For instance in the year 1234 B.S. His Highness informed the former Agent that cloth of a bad quality had been used for his Pyjamahs—when the Agent immediately enquired into the circumstance and although the evidence of the Darogah of the Toshuk Khana, as well as other enquiries clearly established the fact that, in consequence of no better being at the time procurable a single piece only of somewhat inferior quality had been made employed the Darogah was nevertheless repremanded by the Agent as will plainly appear from the records of the Sherishtah—Putting this aside however it is well known that in the beginning of the year 1232 the Agent took musters of the different Articles and after affixing to them the seal of his office deposited them in the Toshuckkhana department—After which all articles that were either purchased or distributed were first Compared with these musters and whenever they were found not to correspond they were rejected and returned—Moreover, a period of nearly two years has elapsed since you have yourself been nominated to the office of Agent ; If any Article of inferior quality had been supplied for His Highness's use during that period, malicious persons would not have been backward in exercising their malignity on the occasion—especially if you consider however much investigation a single piece of cloth was the means of occasioning and had the allegation that Grain of inferior quality was supplied both for the personal use of His Highness and for the different Karkhanehs been correct, the Darogahs of the Bavurchee Khanah & other departments who are in league with the Dewan, and opposed to me would never have allowed themselves to remain silent.

4. With respect to the assertion that the prices charged greatly exceeded the market prices an examination of the accounts for the year 1232 B.S. has already proved to you how far this is correct and therefore to state anything farther on the subject must be superfluous.

5. On no former occasion has a saving ever been effected however low the market prices might have been and yet with all my dishonesty I have effected a saving of above 15,000 Rs. which has been placed to the credit of the Sircar as an inspection of the accounts for 1232 B.S. will clearly establish.

6. For the purpose of ascertaining How far I considered His Highness's interests in the various arrangements which were made for the celebration of His Highness's Nuptials as well as the degree of diligence and assiduity which I employed in discharging the duties which I had to perform in connection with that Ceremony, it is only necessary to compare the papers fied by the Dewan, and the Accounts and statements presented by myself—In the statement which the Dewan presented to the former Agent, the expenses of the ceremony were estimated at upwards of 2,28,900 rupees. That statement was made over to me & without making any reduction in the Number of the Items but merely by reducing the prices charged for them I effected a saving of Rs. 84,800 which was appropriated to other expenses not included in the Dewan's statement—For instance, in the purchase of the Theatre mechanique the sum of Rs. 13,000 was laid out, a sum of 5,000 Rs. was expended by His Highness in Charity, 7,000 Rs. were appropriated to ceremonies observed in the Dheooree of Her Highness the Ameer oon Nissa Begum, 5,000 Rs. were applied to similar purposes in the Dheooree of Nuwaub Nujaboon Nissa Begum ; Rs. 5,000 was presented as Sanchuk, 13,000 was allotted to the purchase of dresses for the Khawasses and dependents, Rs. 13,000 and in the same manner various sums to different purposes amounting in all to upwards of Rs. 80,000 by which means the ceremony was performed with a degree of splendour which is well known to all the Gentlemen at the station, as well as to the Inhabitants of the City—After the conclusion of that ceremony the accounts & statements which I submitted to the former Agent, were by him made over to the Dewan, for the purpose of ascertaining their correctness and accuracy and a period of one week was allowed him to make his return but up to the present time the Dewan has not been able to make any objection to them Thank God! His Highness's letter even does not accuse me of any fraudulent conduct in this matter but merely alleges that altho' the full amount charged has been received by me a balance of Rs. 30,000 still remains due to the Mussaldars—The case however is this—The expenses of the Nuptials Agreeably to the statement furnished by me amounted to upwards of 2,24,800 rupees & dresses furnished to Her Highness the Ameeroon Nissa Begum and a Khillut prepared up for His Highness after the accounts had been drawn up and submitted cost 3,000 rupees more, making in all upwards of 2,27,800 rupees—of the above amt. I have received the sum of 2,20,700 rupees and paid the same to the Mussaldars to whom the balance due is no more than 7,000 rupees and should therefore it proved that I have appropriated to my own use or withheld from the Mussaldars any portion of the money which I received on the above account, I am perfectly willing that a penalty of double the amount should be taken from me & awarded to them—Let also an investigation take place in my presence in regard to the Mussaldars to whom the sum 30,000 is said to be due.

7. His Highness has not called upon me for any answer to the complaint of the Mussaldars, but merely required me by the orders published by His Highness on the 19th April 1829 to submit the papers containing the expenses of his Nuptials within the period of a week—When I immediately presented a petition stating that I was then engaged in preparing the Accounts up to the year 1235 B.S. which were urgently required by the Agent for submission to Government, but that as soon as these were ready I should be happy to attend & offer any explanation both in regard to the accounts of His Highness's Nuptials which were already in the possession of the Dewan, and also in regard to any other accounts connected with my office which might be required from me—I am Sir—a grateful slave of the Sircar and dare not be disobedient to my Lord & Master, and on the Contrary I consider the summons from His Highness as an honor, and happiness.

8. I was appointed to the situation of Naib Dewan by the Huzzoor in the year 1232 B.S. and two or three months after I erected a small house at my own expense for the preservation of the records of the Sircar, which would have been in danger of by fire had they been kept in a thatched house—In the beginning of 1233 B.S. this house fell down after which the Darogah of the Nizamut Buildings in conspiracy with the Dewan of the Sircar falsely accused me to the former Agent of taking two timbers of the value of Rs. 90 and the sum of Rs. 30 from the Department for the purpose of paying the Bricklayers—The Agent at a full Durbar, interrogated me on the subject, when I replied that after having been exalted thro' his Kindness to a rank & station far beyond those in the same sphere of life with myself, and after having been entrusted with the immediate control over the 16 lacs received on account of the Nizamut to be thus unjustly accused of misappropriating a sum of 50 rups. or 100 Rs. was extremely disgraceful that a feeling of delicacy would therefore induce me to decline replying to the charge, but entreated that an inquiry should be instituted in my absence and submitted that should I be found to have been in fault I should then receive the reward of my offence. The former Agent accordingly without my knowledge & without even sending for me or questioning me farther on the subject made the fullest inquiry into the Darogah's representation when it clearly appeared that the Darogah & the Aumeen of the Nizamut Buildings had themselves taken the sum of 30 rupees in my name & appropriated the same to their own use, and that the two Timbers were purchased by me thro' the Ameen of that Department—The Agent therefore observed in full Durbar that much perplexity had been occasioned and that had he passed any orders in the matters without investigation—he might have committed an error but that in future I should regulate affairs with greater vigilance while the Darogah and the Ameen of that Department whose guilt and negligence had been established were dismissed from their situations.

9. The Darogah finding that his falsehood had involved him in disgrace and rendered him an objection of contempt and division among his neighbour was inclined to bring an action against the Dewan for having taught and persuaded him to prefer the charge but was

ultimately advised by certain persons to refrain from doing so and adopted no farther proceedings.

10. The whole of this circumstance is known to His Highness as well as to the Inhabitants of the City and the Umlah of the Office—It is my destiny alone that has caused this matter to be again brought forward—in His Highness's letter—should any enquiry however be deemed necessary, let a disquisition be set on foot.

11. After the demise of His late Highness the Nuwaub Wallahjah, at the close of the year 1231 B.S. the Dewan of the Sirkar without the knowledge or sanction either of His Highness or of the late Agent and without any cause, discharged Lallah Dullup Sing the Tuhseeldar of the Mahalats, who had been nominated to that situation by the late Nazim—and gave the whole of them except the lands and houses in Calcutta and the Chouk at Moorshedabad in farm to people of his own for the period of three years—On the small increase of two annas in the rupee over the former collections or an annual Jumma of Rs. 30,210—The farmers, protected by the Dewan, immediately began to oppress the Ryuts by claiming from them an Revenue of 4 annas in the Rupee over their former Jumma—This circumstance having occasioned great dissatisfaction among the Ryuts they very soon complained to the Agent who after inquiring into the transaction, annulled the arrangements made by the Dewan, and reappointed Dulleep Sing to his former situation of Tuhseeldar of the Mahalats—Three or four months after this event, I arrived in the City and was appointed to my situation—Consider Sir that in the year 1232 the amount collected from the Muhalats without any additional claim having been made upon the Ryots was 31,000 some hundred rupees—In the year 1233 B.S. it was Rs. 28,000 and upwards—and in 1234 B.S. Rs. 30,600—How then can the abrogation of the former farm, and the nomination of a Tuhseeldar, stated to be in my confidence, be construed as the means of Peculation on my part and of severe loss to the Sirkar? The Dewan proposed his own arrangements for the settlement of Mahalats for the year 1235 B.S. yet still I was enabled to effect an increase of Rs. 3,000 above the amount proposed by him, besides obtaining from the Former an advance of Rs. 40,000, for the purpose of liquidating the Debts contracted by the late Nazim Nuwaub Wallahjah—A consideration of these things will shew how far my honesty or dishonesty has been manifested.

12. In regard to the sixth charge Nehalchund and Sadhoo Churn Mussaldars were certainly dismissed & in the room of the former, Gooroopershad a shopkeeper in the Chouk was nominated—The grounds of this arrangement are as follows—Formerly all cloths, Shawls &ca. required for the use of the Sirkar were nominally purchased from Nehal Chund but in reality procured by him from the shop of Gooroo Persaud and charged to the Sirkar at very high prices—Afterwards when the accounts for the year 1230 B.S. came under examination in the year 1232 it appeared, from documents bearing the signatures of Lollah Doorgahpurshad, the Paishkar of the Meer Samance Department, and Gunga Pershaudh, Mooshruff of the Toshuckkhana Dept. that the fixed monthly allowance for the purchase of articles of the above description was Rs. 5,000 or Rs. 60,000 per annum from which a sum of 6,000 Rupees was deducted on account of the Sircar, leaving the balance of 54,000 rupees as the fixed annual amount of appropriation under this head.

13. In addition to the above, a sum of Rs. 1,121-5 was allowed for excessive expenditure in Khilluts, and Rs. 3,989 for Shurazyle expences in the Meersamanee Department making the total amount charged against Nihal Chund from Bysack to Chyte 1230 B.S. Sicca Rs. 59,110-5.

14. In part liquidation of the above amount various articles were received into the Toshuck Khana, but after deducting their value there still remained a balance due from him on account of Shawls, Ruzzies, Cloths for festivals &ca. for the above year amounting to about Rs. 34,435-3-5—Besides which although Nihal Chund had received, the full amount allowed for Salleeanah up to 1229 B.S., the Winter Cloths, festival dresses, and other Customary allowances due to the several Sahebzadas, Sahebzadees, Relatives and Dependants of the Nizamut to some of were not delivered to them—some for four—some for five—and some for even 8 years.

15. These persons therefore represented the matter to the Agent when it clearly appeared from the Testimony of the Karkhanadars as well as from the Statement of the Dewan, that he himself participated in furnishing the supplies, made nominally by Nihal Chund and that the Dewan under the plea of a debt due to him was in the practice of receiving the monthly sum of Rs. 5,000—allowed to Nihal Chund for the supplies required of him, and therewith purchased the requisite Articles from Gooroo Pershaud, Nownid Rae and other Mahajuns, supplying them to such as he pleased, and keeping in arrears such as he liked but charging them at prices which greatly exceeded the current market rates.

16. The regular market prices were therefore ascertained from Nihal Chund, Gooroo Purshaud Rae, Nownid Rae, Goorchurn Pal, Neel Kunt Shakool and other Mahajuns, in the presence of Nihal Chund and the latter was first interrogated whether he would undertake to supply the articles at those rates ; and on his declining, Gooroo Purshaud and Nownid Rae were authorized to furnish them as will be more fully ascertained by inspecting the papers of the Sherishtah.

17. Nihal Chund has stated in his petition that because I was unable to get anything from him, I accepted a bribe of Rs. 5,000 from Gooroo Pershaudh, and caused him to be appointed in his stead. Gracious Sir!—Although an answer to this Charge would apply more properly to a complaint from Gooroopurshaud I nevertheless beg to observe that Gooroopurshaud authorized to furnish the supplies in the month of Kartick 1232 B.S. and discarded in the month of Bhadoon 1233 B.S.—So that had I actually received so large an amount from him, complaints would long ere this have been preferred against me.

18. The reason of Sadhoo Churn Moodee's dismissal was this, on examination of the accounts for the year 1230 B.S. it was clearly established that he had connived with the Officers of the Nizamut and fraudulently obtained and embezzled a sum of Rs. 5,358 charged on account of the diet money of Chelahs who had previously died—He moreover failed in producing the papers which he was directed by the Agent to exhibit and on these grounds he was removed from his situation and Doorgah

Churn the late Mussaldar who had been employed in that capacity by His late Highness, when a Sahebzadah, was appointed in his room.

19. From the time of Sadhoo Churn's removal up to the month of Assin 1235 B.S. a period of 3½ years elapsed during which he never complained against me God only knows whether the petition which is dated only 10 or 15 days prior to his death and which accuses me of having received bribes from him, was actually presented by him or whether my enemies presented it in his name, but if Sadhoo Churn really has complained it would then appear according to his petition that for the sake of being instrusted with a monthly expenditure of 5,000 rupees for the single month of Bysack 1232 B. S. he paid me a sum of 1,000 rups. a statement the probability of which I leave for your consideration.

20. The friendship which existed between him and the Dewan however is well known and may be proved by the accounts filed by the Nuwaub Shumsher Jung Buhadoor—For instance in the year 1227 B.S. the former borrowed from the Sirkar through Shumsher Jung the sum of 28,000 rupees and engaged to repay it in the following manner—namely for one sum of Rs. 15,000 he gave a bond payable on the issue of the amount due to him from the Sirkar for Rs. 9,000 he granted another bond payable by monthly instalments of Rs. 1,000, commencing from the month of Assin 1228, and for the sum of Rs. 4,000 he granted a farther bond payable 4 months after date yet although so great a length of time has elapsed and although Sadhoo Churn was then in the habit of receiving 5 or 6,000 Rupees a month from the Sirkar and on one occasion received a sum of Rs. 11,000 by a single payment, a single instalment of 500 rupees is the whole amount which the Dewan deducted from him and brought to the credit of the Sirkar—For the recovery of this sum I found it necessary to adopt vigorous measures as will be manifest on an inspection of the records of the Office and it would therefore be nothing surprising had mere malice and wickedness induced him to present the petition in question.

21. I have now been employed under your goodness in performing the duties connected with the Sircar for nearly two years and whether or not I have invented falsehoods to disturb harmony must therefore be best known to your own mind, Whether also I have attempted to create animosity or whether I have neglected to regulate the affairs of the Sirkar with propriety can only be satisfactorily ascertained by investigation.

22. With respect to the two months Stipends, which are stated in His Highness's letter to have fallen in arrears the whole of the expenditure for each month having been incurred with your knowledge and approbation, you must already be well acquainted with every circumstance regarding it.

23. On receipt of Stipend for the year 1235 from the Collector's Office the full allowance assigned to each Sherishta was distributed up to the month of Fagoon and for the Meersamanee up to the month of Chyte as will appear on inspection of the accounts ; and although the whole particulars cannot be exactly ascertained until the papers for 1235 B.S. should have been examined—I may here briefly state that the whole amount due on account of Salaries in every Serishtah, up to the month of Chyte 1235 was Rs. 74,000, due to Musssaldars through Ramchurn Mahajun, Rs. 32,000, due to the Toshckhanah Rs. 15,000, and on account of the Saleeanah & other customary allowances of the Deoorees &ca. Rs. 21,000 making in all about Rs. 1,38,000 to meet which there are the following sums receivable on account of the Sirkar—namely first, advance for the liquidation of a former balance due to Her Highness the Ameer Oon Nissa Begum 40,000 Rs. Paid to Calcutta Muhajuns on account of expences incurred on the occasion of His Highness's inauguration 10,000 rupees, and balance paid to Mussalars Rs. 11,000 making in the aggregate a sum of Rs. 61,000 which agreeably to the orders of the former Agent and of yourself has been defrayed out of the present assignments in liquidation of former balances and which will be again be brought to credit whenever funds for the liquidation of these balances are provided. Besides the above, there remained in the Treasury at the end of Chyte in the above year 12,000 Rs. ; on account on Shurrahzyle 16,000 rupees, Expences of the Eedoolfetur and for the building & repairing of Boats &ca. being an advance made from the assignment of the month of Chyte 1235 on account of the expenditure of 1236 B.S. 12,000 rupees, amount recovered from Col. McLeod and still remaining in my Tuhveel 4,800 & odd rupees making in all rupees 1,06,000 which deducted from Rs. 1,38,000 leaves a balance of Rs. 32,000 to meet which there are no funds forthcoming—It is sufficient however to mention that in the year 1234 B.S. an Expenditure of 52,000 rupees was incurred under a single item in the preparation of articles required for His Highness's Juloos, and that excessive Expenditures and other extraordinary expenses of various description are every year incurred as are very well known to you.

24. With respect to my non attandance at His Highness's Palace, as also to my disobedience & obstinacy, the circumstances are these—On the 1st Bysack 1236 Corresponding with the 12th April 1829 His Highness having assumed the Government of Nizamut affairs the whole of the Dependents and other persons connected with the Sirkar were honoured with valuable Khilluts and thereby exalted to the sky while in pursuance of my evil destiny I was even excluded from the customary "Downah"—and thereby reduced to the greatest degradation—After this on Tuesday the 3rd of Bysack or 14th April the whole of the Dependents were prohibited from holding any intercourse with me, the servants who had been in attendance upon me were removed—and towards the close of the day a guard of Sepoys was stationed at my house who prevented any person from either entering or quitting it—On the 4th of Bysack or the 15th of April, my House together with the whole of my property was destroyed by Fire—On Thursday the 5th of Bysack I attempted to present a petition informing His Highness of this event but the Door-keepers of the Killah denied my servant admittance and refused to take my petition as I have already informed you.—Afterwards on the 19th of Bysack or 30th of April I received the copies of the orders issued by His Highness dated 19th April—Previous to the receipt of those orders however I had been directed by you to prepare the papers up to the year 1235 B.S. with all expedition & I therefore acquainted you with these circumstances on the very date of their occurrence when you prohibited my attending at His Highness's Palace, until the papers should be completed, and acquainted His Highness with your orders—I nevertheless presented a respectful petition setting forth the

whole of the above particulars and remained for sometime in expectation of His Highness's orders upon it but owing to past incidents and, under the direction of Fortune I have not been so happy as to be honored with an interview.

25. I am but a menial servant of His Highness and dare not be disobedient obstinate or stubborn towards my Lord and Master as it is said What power has the obscure star to exalt itself with pride, before the resplendent sun—Whatever orders His Highness has been pleased to issue I have forthwith obeyed with the utmost alacrity and have at all times acted with the greatest respect and deference towards my exalted Employer—As you yourself well know.

26. Regarding His Highness's displeasure towards me & the manifestation of disobedience & obstinacy on my part I have to remark that it must be attributed entirely to my misfortune—otherwise the pains & trouble which I have taken in Conducting my duties entitled me to exaltation and reward instead of rendering me the victim of displeasure and an object of punishment—My probity & services are all known to you nevertheless let the reputable part of the community and even the Relations of this exalted Family—be questioned on the subject—My enemies have fabricated statements according to their own fancy and brought them to the notice of my employers, where they are at once received as true, without the slightest examination into their object—In a moment molehills are converted into mountains, and mountains into molehills. At times of necessity, I am denied access to the Huzzoor—and In fact have no opportunity of making any representation to His Highness.

27. Ever since my appointment the Dewan of the Sirkar has borne the greatest malice and ill will towards me and has therefore lost no opportunity of calumniating me and making all kinds of false representations regarding me towards the Nazim, which have occasioned His Highness's displeasure—Otherwise were His Highness to enquire into the particulars I have no doubt that he would have honoured me with his favour.

28. The cause of the Dewans malignity is this,—From the time of my appointment he was very desirous that I should not acquaint the Agent with what was going forward but conceal the facts of his Peculation and on all occasions act in league and council with him—When he found therefore that I would not consent to act with him but that I brought every circumstance to the notice of the Agent and resolved to act according to Mr. Melville's & your own orders,—When he found moreover that in consequence of my enquiries he was proved to be indebted to the Sirkar in a sum of Rs. 70,000, and that the former Agent after having satisfied himself of the justice of the claim by a comparison and examination of the accounts, was about to report the transaction to Government—and had actually written a few lines on the subject which austill [?] forthcoming in the Serishtah (and indeed the whole matter is still under your examination) immediately formed the most deadly hatred towards me and for the sake of revenge as well as for the purpose of makihg away with so large a sum of money belonging to the Sirkar began to devise means for my removal and with that view has induced the Nazim to pen such a letter.

29. Most righteous judge, should I be found after the most minute examination of the several heads abovementioned to have been guilty in the smallest point I readily submit to any punishment you may be pleased to inflict however much it may exceed my actual desert but on the contrary should I be proved to be guiltless I then by that Justice may be done in regard to the dissatisfaction which at the instigation of malicious and self interested persons—His Highness has been pleased to express against me.

Heaven forbid that the word "dissatisfaction" alone should be considered as a sufficient ground for my dismissal—for in that case, I must then ask where else could I with consistency or propriety seek employment or endeavour to gain a livelihood after having had Khilluts & titles conferred upon me and obtained so much grandeur and dignity both from His Highness and from His Excellency the Governor General.—Bearing all these things in mind I have ever conducted myself with vigilance and circumspection and have always been a sincere Well wisher of the Sirkar—As will be notorious at the time of Enquiry.

30. I have now only to seek refuge under the protection of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General and yourself, and to supplicate justice.

[1516]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Ag. Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose two Copies of my proceedings of the 14th Ultimo, together with the papers therein referred to, for your information.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 2nd Decr. 1829.

D. Dale,
Ag. A. G. G.

[1517]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to report for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council that His Highness the Nazim returned to Moorshedabad on Friday the 27th Ultimo.

2. I am happy to say that His Highness has derived Considerable benefit from his short voyage although his recovery can by no means be considered as complete.

3. I take the present opportunity of mentioning that in pursuance of the instructions contained in the 9th Paraga. of Mr. Prinsep's letter of the 28th July 1821 referred to in yours of the 11th September last I repeatedly begged His Highness, before leaving Moorshedabad, to have the public Treasure, Jewels, and other state articles inventoried and placed under the Special Charge of some person in his own confidence from whom he should take receipts in duplicate, and lodge one Copy of the same in the Agent's Office but regret to say that His Highness has found means to avoid a compliance with my request.

4. His Highness assures me that the property is all safe but I fear that some part of it has been misappropriated and that if His Highness would allow me to inquire particularly into the matter, a deficiency, especially in the Jewels, would be discovered.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 8th December 1829.

D. Dale,
Actg. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1518]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I herewith do myself the honour of forwarding a letter from His Highness the Nazim to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General informing His Lordship of the removal of the Noor Unnissa Begum from the Apartments of the Doollun Begum.

2. His Highness having requested my attendance on the occasion, I accompanied him to his Aunt's Apartments on the morning of the 12th Instant when after a little conversation with Her Highness, the cause of so much Mischief was gently placed in a palankeen and conveyed to her own residence.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 16th December 1829.

D. Dale,
Acting Agent Gr. Gl.

[1519]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have to request the favour of your granting me a draft on the General Treasury in favour Ray Girdharee Lal for five thousand rupees, in part of Nizamut Stipends for the present month.

A receipt in duplicate for the amount is enclosed.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshed.,
the 17th December 1829.

D. Dale,
A. A. G. G.

[1520]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Ag. Collr. of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have to request the favour of your granting me a draft on the Genl. Treasury for Sa. Rs. 1,919-9 and another for Sa. Rs. 748-8 in part of the Nizamut Stipends for the present month.

Duplicate receipts for the sum of 2,668-1 are enclosed.—I have etc.

D. Dale,
the 19th Decr. 1829.
A. A. G. G.

[1521]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have to request the favour of your granting me a draft on the General Treasury for Sa. Rs. 130 one hundred & thirty and another for (Sa. Rs. 716-8) seven hundred, sixteen & Eight annas in part of the Nizamut Stipends for the present Month.

Duplicate receipts for the sum of 846-8 are enclosed.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 22nd Decr. 1829.

D. Dale,
Ag. Agent Govr. Gl.

[1522]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Syud Gholam Murtooja Khan having appointed Lallah Munnowruth Loll to receive his stipend I have therefore to request that the stipend of the said Gholam Murtooja Khan may be henceforth paid to the person whom he has appointed to receive it.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 26th Decr. 1829.

D. Dale,
Ag. A. G. G.

[1523]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I herewith do myself the honour of forwarding for the information & orders of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council a Copy of a letter addressed to me by the Superintendent of Nizamut Buildings soliciting permission to proceed to Calcutta and to be absent from Moorshedabad for a period of twenty days for the purpose of enabling him to send one of his children to England and afterwards to accompany his family on their return to this place.

2. As Col. McLeod engages to make such arrangements as will prevent the occurrence of any delay or inconvenience in consequence of his temporary absence, His Lordship may probably feel dispose to grant him the indulgence which he solicits.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 29th December 1829.

D. Dale,
Acting Agent Gr. Gl.

[1524]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Enclosed I do myself the honour of forwarding two letters from Her Highness the Ameer Unnissa Begum, one to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General and the other for yourself, and, with

reference thereto, take the liberty of stating for His Lordship's information that the irregularity in the payment of Her Highness's stipend and other allowances was partly occasioned by Her Highness's refusal to receive any portion of the Money due to Her unless the whole of her claim was satisfied, although a considerable portion of it was disputed ; but that upwards of 65,000 rupees has been paid to her subsequent to the date of her letter—There is still a balance due to the Begum, but it falls far short of the amount stated by her and as it principally relates to the period of the present Nazim's minority I fear that it can only be adjusted when the accounts for that period shall have been laid before the Government.

2. With reference also to Her Highness's female attendant named Kulloo whom the Nazim is alleged to have seized and detained in confinement, His Highness has stated in answer to a reference which I made to him on the subject that the individual in question has been long since set at liberty but that she is unwilling to return to Her Highness's employment and has entered that of His Highness's mother, the Nuwaub Nujeeb Unnissa Begum.

3. The only remaining part of Her Highness's letter which seems to require particular notice is that which relates to the house at Jorasanko, which the Nazim distinctly admits to be the Begum's property but of which His Highness still continues to retain possession on the very insufficient ground that the Begum has it in contemplation to alienate the property from the Nizamut.

4. I have repeatedly addressed the Nazim on this subject without effect and must therefore now take the liberty of recommending that His Highness be directed by the Governor General to transfer the property to the Begum without farther delay.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 2nd January 1830. *Acting Agent Gr. Gl.*

[1525]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have to request the favour of your granting me a draft on the General Treasury in favour of Messrs Hamilton & Co. for Sa. Rups. 39,965-15 and also of your paying to the bearer the sum of Sa. Rs. 34-1 being the balance of the amount sanctioned by the orders of Govt. under date the 23rd Feby. 1829 on the occasion of His Highness assuming the management of the Nizamut.

2. Duplicate receipts for the sum of forty thousand rupees are enclosed.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 9th Jany. 1830. *A. A. G. G.*

[1526]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—For the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council I do myself the honour of forwarding a Copy of a letter from Lieut. Col. McLeod, exhibiting the progress made by him in the construction of the Nizamut Buildings up to the 4th Instant.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 16th Jany. 1830. *Ag. Agent Gr. Gl.*

[1527]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have had the honour to receive your letter under date the 26th Ultimo, with it's enclosures, on the subject of the establishment fixed for the Nujeeb Unnissa Begum, by the orders of Government under date the 30th December 1825 &, with reference thereto, take the liberty of observing that previous to the above arrangement, the Begum received a small pecuniary allowance from the Privy Purse, but had no Stipend from the general funds of the Nizamut, and that consequently the description of her situation given in your reply to the letter of the Honourable Court, is perfectly correct.

2. I am happy to say that the Balance of Sa. Rs. 7,752 which remained to complete the allowance fixed for the Begums Kitchen expenditure has now been reduced by subsequent lapses to something less than seven thousand rupees, and that if the reductions effected by a saving in expenditure be taken into account they more than cover that sum—It has however been deemed preferable, instead of deducting the one item from the other, to credit the amount of savings and debit the Begum's expences, in the hope that the latter may ultimately be entirely covered by the lapses which must continue to take place.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad, D. Dale,
the 16th Jany. 1830. *A. A. G. G.*

1528

G. Swinton Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have had the honour to receive your letter under date the 26th Ultimo together with its enclosure from the Court of Directors, and, in answer to the inquiry which it contains, beg leave to say that, so far from any part of the money advanced to the Nazim on the occasion of his marriage having been repaid, the expenditure of the Nizamut has exceeded its available income in each of the three years that have elapsed since that event took place.

2. The accounts for the above period which I hope soon to have the honour of laying before Government, will make His Lordship in Council more fully acquainted with the state and condition of the Nizamut finances, but, in the meantime, I may be permitted to observe that the constitution of the Nizamut Establishment was found to be such that His Highness's minority offered very few of those opportunities of economizing which it was expected to afford, while the Establishment which it was

necessary to form for His Highness's mother made a serious addition to the various sources of expenditure which previously existed.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 18th January 1830.

D. Dale,
Ag. Agent Govr. Gl.

1529

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have to request the favour of your granting me a draft on the Collector of Dacca in favour of Bulram Rae for (Sa. Rs. 1,500) fifteen hundred in part of the Nizamut Stipend for the present month.

A receipt in duplicate for the amt. is enclosed.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 19th Jany. 1830.

D. Dale,
A. A. G. G.

1530

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have had the honour to receive your letter of the 26th Ultimo together with its enclosure from the Court of Directors under date the 11th March 1829 and in compliance with the orders of Government now beg leave to offer my sentiments on the suggestions contained in the Court's letter.

2. The first circumstance which attracted the Courts attention appears to have been the extreme degree of liberality exercised by Government towards the Nazim at the settlement of the accounts for the years 1226-27 & 28, and by which the Government renounced a claim which it had upon the Deposit Fund to the amount of 2,70,137 rupees—The Court does not appear to be altogether satisfied with the grounds upon which the relinquishment was made, but as it at the same time declares that it does not now desire to disturb the existing arrangement, any farther remark on the subject seems to be rendered unnecessary.

3. The next point noticed by the Court is the proposal made to the Nazim on the 28th of February 1823 by which it was provided that the sum appropriated to the Deposit Fund should consist of two lacks of rupees per Mensem, of which the Munnee Begum's Stipend of 1,44,000 rupees was to form a part, & the remaining 56,000 rupees was to be made up by the Nazims depositing that sum annually in the Collector's treasury on which condition the Government engaged to undertake the payment in future from the Fund of all charges for new buildings or other expences legitimately claimable from it ; and also relinquished all desire to increase the fund, pledging itself on the lapse of any future Stipends to consider the suggestions of His Highness as to their allotment, and, except under special circumstances which might demand a different appropriation, to assign the whole for the benefit of the family and its dependants.

4. The Court observe that they are not informed as to whether His Highness has acquiesced in this arrangement and it is therefore necessary to refer His Lordship in the first place, to Mr. Loch's letters of the 26th January & 4th March *1824* as well as to your own letter of the 30th April of the same year, in which the fact of His Highness having declined the proposal, or, at all events, declared the impossibility of its being carried into effect, is distinctly stated.

5. The expediency of the proposed arrangements however may still be considered as a legitimate subject of inquiry and I therefore take the liberty of calling His Lordships attention to the 28th para. of Mr. Loch's letter last quoted in which he commences by observing that the Nazim was not prepared to enter into a situation by which he would be rendered so independent as it was proposed to make him, and then proceeds to offer it as his opinion that the arrangement would have the effect of promoting those dissentions which it was the object of the plan to prevent, as constant applications and references would be made to the Agent by persons claiming Stipends either on real or imaginary grounds which would be remitted by His Highness, under a feeling that he was sufficiently competent to judge of their claims —that many individuals would probably be sufferers under such an arrangement, while favourites and parasites would ultimately be the only participators of his bounty—that although a Register of Stipendiaries which he was preparing would probably prove a check upon the Officers of the Nizamut he was not prepared to allow that it would prevent discussion and ultimate abuse of the indulgence proposed, and that as he had no faith in His Highness's disposition to take advantage of the liberality of Government and supply himself with suitable equipages and paraphernalia, he felt certain that only those minions near his person would benefit by it.

6. I beg also to recall to His Lordships recollection the sentiments expressed in your letter of the 30th April 1824, in the 17th par. of which it is stated that adverting to the actually affluent state of the Nizamut Deposit Fund, it could scarcely be considered expedient or necessary to let it go on accumulating to an indefinite extent ; more especially if any sacrifice of comfort or any deprivation of the more literal means of support and enjoyment were thereby occasioned to the Nazim and his family ; and, referring to the stated expenditure of past years, that His Lordship in Council was not altogether satisfied of the practicability of a saving of two lacks being effected annually without involving, in some degree, the abovementioned consequences, more especially when the additional charge against the Fund introduced since the orders of 1823 (Rs. 35,400) was taken into consideration—It was therefore declared that if any reliance could be placed on the Nazims prudence and proper management the Governor General in Council would feel little hesitation in relieving him from the obligation to refund annually into the Collector's Treasury the sum of 56,000 rupees as prescribed by the former orders but that the expediency of such indulgence was very questionable so long as the Nazim continued to show a disposition to that wasteful and unbounded extravagance hitherto so Conspicuous in his character and proceedings—Mr. Loch was consequently directed to reconsider the whole question with reference to the above remarks and the objections to the plan stated by

His Highness, and afterwards to report his sentiments as to whether any and what stipulations calculated to introduce a better order of things and a reformed system of management into the Nizamut, might be obtained in return for an arrangement which should limit the future amount of the fund to accumulate in the Collector's treasury at Rs. 1,44,000 per annum ; and at the same time, to state his opinion as to the precaution and conditions which would be necessary to guard the public interests from any eventual risk or liability under such an arrangement ; but I cannot discover that any report of the nature required was ever furnished.

7. I may here remark that the proposal for requiring the Nazim to replace a portion of his Stipend in the Collector's treasury upon the conditions stated in the preceding paragraphs was first brought forward in 1823 immediately after the Nazim had exhibited by the accounts which he had laid before Government, through the Agent, that the whole of the funds at his disposal were insufficient for his ordinary expenditure, and that it was reviewed in 1824 upon the review of another year's accounts exhibiting a similar result—It was, no doubt done under the influence of the sentiment expressed by Lord Cornwallis in his minute upon Mr. Ives's plan, that Princes and families of rank in this country conceive their dignity to be more or less preserved as their own immediate authority over their relations, their pensioners, and their servants, and their own disposal of the Stipends allowed them by Government, or whatever other means of subsistence they may possess, be left uncontroulled to themselves, so that they will frequently sacrifice one half of the means of supporting that dignity in order to secure the more perfect enjoyment of uncontroulled authority over the remainder—but Experience has shewn that so far as regards his late Highness, such a sentiment had no foundation, and I have every reason to believe that the opinions of his present Highness on the subject correspond with those of his father.

8. With reference therefore to the whole of these Circumstances and also to the fact that the Accounts of the last three years of his present Highness's minority which I shall soon have the honour of laying before Government exhibit a considerable amount of expenditure beyond the fixed allowance I am of opinion that it would not be advisable to increase the annual appropriation to the Deposit Fund by requiring the Nazim to refund any portion of his Stipend, but that it might with great propriety be augmented by adding to it the amount of lapsed Stipends, when suitable opportunities occur of so doing.

9. The Court of Directors remark that the original cause of the misapplication of the Nizamut Funds was the mistake of former administrations in allowing the Stipends which had lapsed to the Deposit Fund to fall into the hands of the Nazim that the Stipend of the Munnee Begum has from the time of her death accumulated in the Collector's treasury, and that of the same rule had been observed with respect to the other lapsed allowances they could not have been adverted as they have been by successive Nazims, to their own use—Thereby seeming to imply that *all* lapsed Stipends should be added to the Deposit Fund as soon as the lapse takes place.

10. If such is the opinion of the Court, I beg to say that I am by no means prepared to concur in it, for, in the first place, although the amount of Stipends paid, for instance, under the head of Akraba in the Nizamut Serishta does not exceed 5,218 rupees per mensem and, in the Behla, is no more than 1,859 it is paid under no less than ninety items and is probably distributed to twice that number of individuals some of whom receive no more than ten rupees a month, a sum far too trifling to be made an addition to the fund ; and in the second place, it would very frequently become necessary to re-issue these Stipends from the fund in order to provide for different individuals who might be considered entitled to a maintenance from the Nizamut and then the accounts of the fund would become in a two fold degree more complex and intricate than they are at present.

11. There are however Stipends in regard to which the above objections do not exist or at least to the same extent, and, of this description I conceive to be the allowance of 5,000 rupees a month now paid to the Doollun Begum—the Bohoo Begum's allowance of 2,000 rupees and the Nujeeb Unnissa Begum's Stipend of 3,000 rupees all of which might be added to the fund upon the death of their present possessors—It might probably become necessary to re-issue a portion of these allowances in the names of the mothers or widows of future Nazims, but I do not anticipate that the Deoorhees will ever require so large an expenditure as is allotted to them at present and at all events until such a necessity arises their amount might be allowed to accumulate in the Deposit Fund.

12. In order to shew that there would be no injustice in the arrangement which I have proposed, I beg to observe that so far from the circumstances of the Munnee Begum's allowance being different from all others, it only formed at the time of the inquiries in 1790 & 1802 one item in a sum of 25,000 rupees per Mensem which was paid directly from the Collector's treasury to four different Stipendiaries as per margin* without coming into the Nazim's hands at all—and that consequently the Deposit Fund has as good a claim to the other items constituting that sum as it had to the Stipend of the Munnee Begum—Part of the Stipend of the Bubboo Begum has been allotted to the support of her dependants, part has been included in the allowance of the Doollun Begum, and the remainder, together with the Stipends of Saliha Begum and Meer Sydoo have been settled upon different individuals whose heirs might have a claim to succeed them in their allowances after their decease and it might therefore be now difficult to place these identical sums upon the fund, but the same end would in a great measure be gained by the plan which I have suggested.

*Munnee Begum	12,000
Bubboo Begum	8,000
Saliha Begum	1,000
Meer Sydoo	4,000
	25,000

13. It is true that the fund is at present tolerably efficient and does not require so large an addition as the total of the three Stipends which I have named would produce—but, it must be remembered that it is not now so rich as it was a few years ago—that it will still require a large sum of money to complete the Palace and the other buildings connected with it—That after the palace is finished it must be furnished at large Expence, and that in the end it will probably be necessary to defray the Expence of the installation & marriage of future Nazims, and in cases of emergency, to defray other extra expences.

from the Deposit Fund as Experience has shewn that the Nazim himself will scarcely ever provide funds for such purposes.

14. There is still another point connected with that part of the Courts letter which I have been considering, namely what description of allowances are properly speaking resumable, which involves the question as to what are hereditary, and what description are personal and might be left to the Nazim's disposal.

15. In the year 1790 the head of Sahibzadas did not exist in the Nizamut accounts, and although the accounts of 1802 contain sixteen pensions under that head in the Nizamut Sherista and eight in the Behla and their amount was varied by the Committee and has since undergone still greater variation it does not appear that the question as to their heritability has ever come under regular discussion.

16. The case of the Akraba however is different—The statement prepared by Mr. Ives in 1790 exhibited twenty five persons under that head in the Nizamut and twenty one in the Behla Department amounting to 7,699* rupees, the whole of which the Government not only declared hereditary but ordered to be paid by the Superintendent; and the Committee of 1802 adverting to the above Resolution and finding that with the exception of a few variations in names occasioned by casualties one or two subdivisions of Stipends the amount of each individual pension as well as the total of each department Continued the same as in 1790, did not feel themselves warranted in suggesting their reduction.

*Nizamut	5,917
Behla	1,782
	7,699

17. The total amount of the Nizamut Stipend is 16,00,000 per annum or 1,33,333-5-6-2⅔ per Mensem, from which, the Resolutions of 1790 deducted the following items namely 18,000 Rs. per Mensem to constitute a fund for the payment of the Nuwaubs debts & to provide for his increasing family 25,000 Rs. per Mensem on account of the Stipends of the Munnee Begum the Bubboo Begum, the Saliha Begum, & Meer Sydoo and 7,699 Rs. per Mensem on account of hereditary pensions leaving Rs. 82,634-5-6-2⅔ at the uncontrouled management of the Nazim and merely subject to the correspondence of the Governor General but so many changes have taken place since that time—Several of the Pensions declared hereditary in 1790 having been since resumed either in whole or in part—Several others having been added to the Akraba list without its being declared whether they were hereditary or otherwise and no distinct orders having ever been passed as to the nature of the pensions granted to the Sahibzadas, that it is now difficult to determine what pensions are hereditary and what are not.

18. Should the orders passed in 1790 on this subject be considered as final and conclusive it would then be proper to trace out the pensions included in the sum of 7,699 Rs. above referred to and to pass some definitive orders respecting the others, but my own opinion is that no pension paid from the Nizamut should be deemed hereditary, but that we should adopt for our principle that the relations of the existing Nazim and his immediate Ancestors are entitled to support and not that the descendants of any particular individual are to be maintained after all trace of their connection with the family has been obliterated.

19. The appointment and removal of the Dewan and Naib Dewan ought of course to be subject to the orders of Government and there are a few pensions now paid under the head of Imtiazee which ought to be transferred to that of Akraba—but with these exceptions I conceive that the whole both of the Imtiazee and Shagird Pesha should be left to the management of the Nazim without any interference on the part of the Agent or the Government except in cases of manifest injustice or improper selection though I am aware that this opinion is at variance with the rule laid down by the orders of Government under date the 1st October 1813 & 26th May 1818 which except in a few instances, have never been acted upon by the Nazim.

20. It now only remains for me to consider the Expediency or inexpediency of requiring detailed accounts to be furnished by the Nazim; and, on this subject, I am clearly of opinion that the accounts should not be submitted to Government nor required by the Agent in a more detailed form than they are at present, but at the same time that the Agent should have the power of instituting the strictest inquiry into the particulars of the Expenditure before transmitting the accounts to Government as the Nazim will never take the trouble of doing so himself and there would otherwise be no means of checking imposition & fraud or the introduction of improper or fictitious items.

21. The Nizamut having been relieved from all building Expences it is evident that in the event of the Nazims expenditure exceeding the Stipend allowed him, he can have no claim to assistance from the Deposit Fund which is rightly declared to be the property of the Nizamut generally except perhaps in the few cases to which I have referred in a preceding paragraph.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 25th January 1830.

D. Dale,
Actg. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1531]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I now have much pleasure in forwarding the following accounts which I should feel obliged by your laying before the Governor General in Council—namely

1st. A general account of the Nizamut Deposit Fund, or, of the Fund formed by the accumulation of the Munnee Begum's Stipend from the period of her death in 1812 to the end of the official year 1828/29 or within a few days of the date on which His present Highness assumed the management of the Nizamut.

2nd. An account of the portion of the above fund which has been vested in Government securities and intrusted to the management of the Government Agents from the date of its investment in 1823 to end of the year 1828/29.

3d. A general account of the Fund for defraying the expences of the Agent's Establishment from the date of its formation in 1817 to the same period as the above—and

4th. An account of the portion of the last mentioned fund, composed of Government Securities, which has been intrusted to the management of the Government Agents, from the date on which the transfer was made to the same period as the other accounts.

2. Supposing these statements to be correct His Lordship in Council will observe that the amot. of Company's paper at the credit of the Deposit Fund on the 1st of May last was 3,25,600 rupees of which 21,600 rupees bears interest at 6 & the remainder at 5 pr. Cent, and that the amount of Cash in the Collector's hands on the same account and at the same period was Sa. Rs. 4,70,699-9 which, with a small balance of Sa. Rs. 138-10 in the hands of the Government Agent makes a total of Sa. Rs. 4,70,838-3 but, as the expences of the Agent's Establishment Fund appear to have exceeded its receipts by a sum of Sa. Rs. 68,181-15-4 which, according to the orders of Government under date the 10th July 1829 must be supplied from the Deposit Fund, the actual Cash balance in favour of the latter fund on the 1st of May is thereby reduced to Sa. Rs. 4,02,656-15-4.

3. Should it be required to ascertain its amount at the present moment it will be necessary in the first place to add to the above sum the Munnee Begum's & Ahmud Ally's Stipend for ten months at 12,050 Rs. per Mensem or Sa. Rs. 1,20,500 together with the sum of 11,750 rupees recovered from Sooltan Ibraheem and others then to deduct the sum of one lack of rupees granted to His present Highness by order of Government under date the 23rd Feby. 1829 on the occasion of his becoming of age—A similar sum advanced to Lieut. Col. McLeod at different periods on account of Nizamut buildings 12,000 rupees on account of his salary for eight months, 432 rupees on account of the Munnee Begum's tomb Expences for nine months 16,500 rupees advanced to Lootf Oollah Syud Ikram Uddeen & others and 10,500 rupees on account of the College expences which will leave a balance of Sa. Rs. 2,95,474-3-8 while the present amount of Government securities belonging to the Fund, supposing the interest accruing between the 1st of May & the present date to be vested in additional securities, may be reckoned at about 3,37,900 rs.—There is also a sum of about 43,190 rupees due from different individuals to whom it was advanced on loan and who are now repaying it by monthly instalments and which may therefore be considered as an efficient balance in favour of the fund.

2,95,474-3-8
3,37,900-0-0
6,33,374-3-8
43,190-0-0
6,76,564-3-8

4. The fund for defraying the Expences of the Agent's Establishment, after having the deficiency above referred to supplied from the Deposit Fund will continue of the same amount as at its original formation and be composed of Government securities for 7,10,600 rupees, of which one portion for 4,61,700 rupees bearing interest at 5 per Cent is deposited with the Government Agents, and the remaining portion for 2,48,900 rupees, bearing interest at 6 per Cent continues in the hands of the Collector—There is also a small Cash balance of Sa. Rs. 531-6 at the credit of the fund, in the hands of the Government Agents, which will of course, be carried forward to their next account.

5. In an account of this fund which I have received from the Accountant General, the deputation allowance, of Mr. Hathorn who was appointed to supply my place as Magistrate of Moorshedabad after Mr. Melville's departure for the Cape, was not charged ; but in the Resolutions of Government under date the 14th March 1828 declare the Nizamut Fund responsible for the expence of the whole arrangement which it became necessary to make in consequence of that gentleman's absence, I have debited the fund with it's amount as well as with my own deputation allowance, and credited it with the amount deducted from Mr. Melville's salary.

6. There is another point in which I conceive the Accountant General's statement to be erroneous, namely, in charging the whole of the native establishment fixed for the Agent by the orders of Government dated the 10th May 1817, to the Nizamut, instead of that portion of it only which was in excess of the previous establishment—By your letter of the 10th July last the Governor General in Council has declared that when the arrangements of 1816 & 1817 were framed, it was clearly intended that the entire charge of the office of Agent should be defrayed from the Nizamut Funds, but as this declaration, which referred chiefly to a deficiency of assets arising from a decrease in the rate of interest upon Government securities subsequent to the establishment of the Agency cannot be considered as annulling the resolutions passed on the 28th June 1817 by which it is distinctly declared that "that portion of the expence of the office establishment of the Agent to the Governor General at Moorshedabad which is equivalent to the charge heretofore borne by the Government on account of the late establishment of the Superintendent of Nizamut affairs" and which is stated by Mr. Monckton in his letter of the 21st of the same month to have been 213 rupees per mensem, "will still be defrayed by the Government" I have deducted this latter sum from the total amount, and merely charged the Nizamut with the remainder.

7. I have also rejected from the accounts the following items which I found in the Accountant General's statement—namely Sa. Rs. 6,133-12 on account of Mr. Monckton's salary from the 1st January to the 21st February 1817—3,500 rupees on account of his extra allowance from the 23d July 1816 to the 22nd Feby. 1817 @ 500 rs. per Mensem—666 rupees 4 annas in part of 999-14/ on account of travelling charges incurred by Mr. Monckton and his establishment on his first deputation to Moorshedabad, and 1,038-4 on account of extra establishment entertained by him during his deputation, as the whole of these charges were incurred previous to the constitution of the Agency on the 22d Feby. 1817, and the Government have not only directed, by Mr. Adam's letter to the Collector of Moorshedabad dated the 10th May of the same year, that the amount of interest accruing on the Government securities assigned for the payment of the Agents salary calculated from the 1st Jany. to the 21st Feby. should be carried to the credit of the Nizamut, which is equivalent to exempting the Nizamut from the payment of any expences incurred previous to the date last mentioned, but have also directed by Mr. Adam's letter to Mr. Monckton of the 29th March 1817 that the amount of the very charges to which I am now referring with the exception of the first should be paid from the General treasury.

8. In the same manner, with reference to the Deposit Fund, I found that in the accounts of the Collector's Office, the value of the Khilluts granted to Raja Oodwunt Sing to Ray Gungadhur, and Meer Ghalib Ally as per orders of Government under date the 14th July 1821 and 27th October 1823 was charged to the Nizamut—The orders in question however contain no authority for their being so charged and I have therefore omitted them in my account of the Fund, and left them to be charged to Government, as appears to have been done with regard to those granted to Moshere Jung, Shumsher Jung Sowlut Jung and others, as per Government orders* referred to in the Margin.

*21st July & 14th July 1814.
27th Feby. 1821
31st Jany. 1823 &ca.

9. The accounts of the securities in the hands of the Government Agents have necessarily been prepared from the Accounts furnished by those officers, and will be found to exhibit the same total amount of balance against the Agents as those received through your office, although there is a slight difference in its distribution, owing to one or two items which belonged to one fund having been erroneously entered by the Agents in the Accounts of the other.

10. It is probably that a similar mistake has been made with regard to the amount of the drafts credited in the Account of the Agent's Establishment Fund in the year 1826/27, and that a portion of these sums should have been credited to the Deposit Fund, but at present I have not the means of ascertaining the point and as His Lordship in Council, has determined that the deficiencies of the former fund shall be annually supplied from the latter, it does not seem necessary to incur any farther delay by inquiring more particularly into the matter.

11. The general statement of the Deposit Fund has been prepared after the most careful examination of the accounts in the Collector's Office and I trust will be found correct, but it might nevertheless be advisable, before finally accepting the accounts now forwarded, to submit the whole of them to the Accountant General and the Government Agents for their approval & sanction, when the Government Agents might be instructed to correct a mistake which they have made in regard to the appellations of the two funds, by calling that the Deposit Fund which is the Agent's Establishment Fund, and vice versa.

12. I beg also to suggest that when appropriations are directed to be made from either of the funds, care should be taken to distinguish by its proper appellation the particular fund intended, as mistakes are kept to occur from the term Deposit Fund being frequently applied indiscriminately to that & the Agents Establishment Fund though I need not say that the two are very different, and that the one has very little connection with the other.

13. With reference to the difficulty which I experienced in the preparation of these accounts ; I beg leave to observe that it appears to have arisen partly from the practice which prevailed in the Collectors office of charging in the public accounts, only that portion of the Nizamut Stipend which was actually issued from his treasury every month & which of course prevented his placing the Munnee Begum's Stipend at the credit of the Deposit Fund—partly from the confusion caused by a portion of the securities which constituted the Agents Establishment Fund having been united with & for a long time considered by the Government Agents as a part of the Deposit Fund, and, partly from no separate accounts of either of the Funds having ever been kept in the Collector's office, or as far as I have been able to ascertain in that of the Accountant General.

14. In the accompanying accounts the necessary separation of the securities belonging to the two funds has been made, but as a portion of those which constitute the Agents Establishment Fund still remain with the Government Agents while the remainder is with the Collector, I beg to recommend that the two parts be immediately brought together, in the hands of the Collector, that measures should be taken for enabling the Collector to credit the Fund with the Munnee Begum's Stipend at the close of each month and that both the Government Agents and the Collector or the Accountant General be directed to forward annual accounts of the two funds to this office.

15. I was at first anxious that a portion of the large cash balance at the credit of the Deposit Fund should be immediately vested in Government securities, in order that the fund should have the benefit of interest but it now seems desirable to postpone doing so until the Regular Nizamut Accounts which are now due shall have been laid before the Government.

16. The papers received with your letter of the 25th September last are herewith returned.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 1st February 1830.

D. Dale,
Actg. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1532]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to report for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council the death of Oomdut Unnissa Begum, who under the head of Akraba, received a Stipend of thirty rupees per Mensem from the Rajemahl allowance, as per Statement No. 2 forwarded with Mr. Martins letter of the 9th July 1818.

2. The Nuwaub Mudar Ud Dowlah, and his consort Marium Begum the present heads of the Rajemahl family have requested that the allowance be continued to Syud Asud Ally Khan, the only son of the deceased, and as I am not aware of any objection to this arrangement, I beg leave to submit it for His Lordship's sanction.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 2nd Feby. 1830.

D. Dale,
A. A. G. G.

[1533]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—In consequence of a communication to that effect which I have received from His Highness the Nazim, I beg leave to report for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council the death of Marium Begum, widow of the late Nasir Ally, who, under the head of Akraba, received a Stipend of forty rupees per mensem from the Nizamut Serishta, as per *Statement No. 1 forwarded with the letter of the Committee appointed to inquire into the affairs of the Nizamut, under date the 20th Decr. 1802.

*See— "Mootalikan Meer Nuser Ally."

2. The Stipend was claimed by Waujid Ally grand-nephew, Mirza Khan son-in-law, and Koorbanee Begum who stated herself to be a grand-daughter of Nasir Ally, and also by Mohit Ally an adopted son of Marium Begum—His Highness however after remarking that Koorbanee Begum was merely a distant connection of Nasir Ally's family, and that the claims of the other individuals abovementioned were not entitled to consideration, has proposed that the entire pension should be resumed, and as I see no objection to this arrangement, I beg to recommend it for His Lordship's sanction.

3. It may be proper to mention that the pension in question is one of those referred to in the 16th par. of my letter of the 25th Ulto. as having been declared hereditary by the orders passed on Mr. Ives's report in the year 1790.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 2nd Feby. 1830.

D. Dale,
Actg. Agent Gr. Gl.

1534

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to remind the Governor General in Council that the present is the season at which the Examination of the Nizamut College has usually been held, and to recommend that a competent officer be deputed for the purpose of inquiring into the progress made by the Student during the past year.

2. The College will be closed on account of the Rumzaun festival for the period of one month from the 25th of Feby., and the Examiner ought therefore to arrive at Moorshedabad before the 20th Inst. or should circumstances not admit of his doing so, his visit ought to be postponed until after the 25th of March.

3. I take the present opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 20th Novr. last and of observing that I have delayed replying to it until I should have witnessed the result of another examination although there has been so much sickness both among the students and the Masters, for the greatest part of the year, that I fear it may not be more favourable than the last.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 3rd Feby. 1830.

D. Dale,
Actg. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1535]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to report for the information of Government that I have received letters from the Nuwaub Munglee and Sooltan Shurf Unnissa Begum requesting pecuniary assistance from the Deposit Fund for the purpose of enabling them to celebrate the marriage of Ashruf Unnissa Begum, the grand-daughter of the former and great grand-daughter of the latter.

2. The young lady's father, Syud Asud Ally, who was the eldest son of the Nuwaub Munglee and died about ten years ago, never received any allowance from the Nizamut, and although the young lady herself receives a Stipend of seventy rupees per mensem, thirty of which have been accumulating for the last eighteen months, with a view to her marriage and the expences attending it, the sum which this will produce is considered altogether insufficient for the celebration of the Nuptials in a style suited to the rank of the parties.

3. The Nuwaub Munglee and the Begum state that eight or ten thousand rupees will be necessary on the occasion, but I should conceive that five thousand would be sufficient, and therefore take the liberty of recommending that the latter sum be granted to them.

4. I beg also to recommend that marriage portions of eight hundred rupees each be granted from the Deposit Fund to the following ladies the poverty of whose families has caused them to remain single considerably beyond the age at which native females usually form matrimonial connections—namely Kummur Unnissa, daughter of the late Nuwab Muhummud Ally Khan, aged eighteen years, Samee Unnissa, daughter of Sufdur Alee, aged Nineteen years, and Alee Unnissa and Nujeeb Unnissa, the two daughters of Muhummud Tuckee, the former aged twenty and the latter about eighteen years.

5. At the conclusion of the Statement No. 1 forwarded with Mr. Loch's letter of the 30th Augt. 1824 reference is made to twenty five young ladies to whom it was proposed that portions to the above amount should be granted between the years 1827 and 1833 and although the names of the ladies are not specified, I have no doubt that the four whose case I have taken the liberty of bringing before Government were included in the number as they are distant relations of the Nazim and seem to be peculiarly deserving of consideration.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 5th Feby. 1830.

D. Dale,
Actg. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1536]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Gholam Allee having appointed Lallah Gunness Dutt to receive his stipend in the room of Meer Burkut Oollah I have therefore to request that the stipend of

the said Gholam Allee may be henceforth paid to the person whom he has appointed to receive it.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 6th Feby. 1830.

D. Dale,
A. A. G. G.

1537]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—With reference to the orders of Government under date the 27th February 1824 and the previous correspondence on the same subject, I have now much pleasure in reporting for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council that the suit instituted in the Moorshedabad Provincial Court against Seith Dhokul Chund, has been decreed in favour of the Nazim, and that the Defendant has allowed the Stipulate period to elapse without attempting to dispute the decision by appealing to a higher tribunal.

2. The amount decreed considerably exceeds six lacks of rupees, but there is reason to fear that the whole of the Seit's property, when brought to sale, will not produce more than a fourth of that sum.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 12th Feby. 1830.

D. Dale,
Ag. Agent Gr. Gl.

1538

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—On the 5th instant I did myself the honour of recommending that a sum of five thousand rups. should be granted to the Nawaub Munglee and Shurf Unnissa Begum for the purpose of enabling them to celebrate the marriage of the Nuwaub's grand-daughter and have now to inform His Lordship in Council that Asuf Oodeen Ally Khan the intended husband of the young lady has solicited a loan of ten thousand rupees for the same purpose.

2. On inquiry I find that about seven thousand rupees will be necessary on the occasion, and as Asuf Qodeen Ally has no funds of his own, from which his marriage Expences could be defrayed, I take the liberty of recommending that the above sum be advanced to him from the Deposit Fund and that a monthly deduction of two hundred rupees be made from the salary of four hundred rupees which he receives from the Nizamut until the debt is liquidated.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 20th Feby. 1830.

D. Dale,
Actg. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1539]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I am sorry to be under the necessity of soliciting leave of absence, but I have for sometime been in a delicate state of health and a voyage to Sea has at length been considered necessary for my recovery.

2. It is my intention, in the first instance, to try the effect of an excursion to the sand heads, and I have therefore to request the permission of Government to be absent from my station for one month on that account.

3. A medical certificate furnished by the officer who has been in the habit of attending me is herewith forwarded.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 17th March 1830.

D. Dale,
Ag. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1540

A. Smelt Esquire,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I herewith beg leave to forward a letter from the Nuwaub Abool Cossim Khan, to your address.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 20 March 1830.

D. Dale,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1541]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—For the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council I do myself the honour of forwarding a copy of a letter from Lt. Col. McLeod Exhibiting the progress made by him in the construction of the Nizamut Buildings up to the 11th Inst.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 22nd March 1830.

D. Dale,
Actg. Agent Govr. Gl.

[1542]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the honour to enclose an Extract from a letter from the Persian Secretary to Government under date the 12th Inst. together with the receipts in Duplicate for the amount therein specified and request the favour of your paying the amount to the bearer.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 31st March 1830.

D. Dale,
Actg. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1543]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose Receipts in duplicate for the sum of Sicca Rupees (2,000) Two thousand in part pay-

ment of the Nizamut Stipend for the Month of March 1830 and request the favour of your paying the amount to Doctor French.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 1st April 1830.

D. Dale,
Ag. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1544]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—On the 1st of February last I did myself the honour of forwarding statements of the Nizamut Deposit Fund and of the Fund for defraying the Expences of the Agent's Establishment up to the 30th of April 1829 and now beg leave to transmit the usual Nizamut Accounts for the years 1233-34 and 35 or up to the period when His present Highness was considered of age and assumed the Management of his own affairs.

2. The accounts are drawn up in the usual manner and exhibit the usual items with this exception that the charges on account of buildings &ca. made from the Collector's Treasury which have hitherto been excluded from the Nizamut accounts, are entered in the account of the Deposit Fund for the year 1235 so that it now corresponds with the statement of that Fund forwarded by me on the 1st of February, and instead of the fictitious balance of more than thirteen lacks of rupees exhibited in the accounts of the year 1232 now shews the actual balance of 4,70,699 rupees in the Collector's treasury at the end of the period for which the accounts are submitted.

3. I should have been happy had it been in my power to say that the balance represented as existing in the Nizamut treasury was also real but I have already stated in my letters of the 15th Octr. and 11th Decr. 1828 that the money has long ago been Expended, and that in point of fact the Nizamut Treasury is empty—A statement of the manner in which the money is said to have been disposed of accompanied the last of these letters and a more detailed account of that portion of it which is attributed to the Nuwaub Walajah is herewith transmitted, while the sum of Sa. Rs. 1,37,239-2-12-1 which appeared to have been disbursed in liquidating a portion of the excessive expenditure authorized by Government up to the end of the year 1229 has been entered in the present accounts.

4. After deducting this latter sum there remains a balance of Sa. Rs. 2,45,269-12-1-1 which is accounted for as follows—Namely—

Expended by the Nuwaub Aleejah as per Memorandum transmitted with Mr. Martin's letter of the 19th Decr. 1822 ...		80,138- 3-0-0
Ditto by the Nuwaub Walajah as per statement herewith forwarded		89,488- 0-0-0
Advanced to Noorjehan Begum and others as per statement transmitted with my letter of the 11th Decr. 1828 ...		55,620- 9-1-1
Embezzled by Meer Kishore Ally Bareedar ...	13,638	
Advanced to Nussur Ud deen Hyder	3,125	
Ditto to Beebee Mihir Unnissa ...	2,000	
Ditto to Lootf Unnissa ...	2,260	21,023- 0-0-0
		2,45,269-12-1-1

5. Of this sum, the amount of the third item only, or 55,620-9-1-1 is said to be recoverable, but, to it, I would recommend adding first the ten thousand rupees said to have been presented to the Dewan by the Nawaub Walaja for the Celebration of the Hooly, but which nowhere appears in the Nizamut accounts, second, about 6,000 rupees in part of the amount embezzled by Kishore Ally whom the Nazim thinks proper to retain in his service notwithstanding his misconduct and third, the sums of 3,125 and 2,000 rupees advanced to Nussur Uddeen and Beebee Mihir Unnissa whose representatives are in possession of their property and Stipends and are Consequently responsible for their debts—thereby making the amount of the recoverable or available balance about 65,880 rupees—Of the remaining sums included in the statement I have only to observe that the subject of the expenditure by the Nuwaub Aleejah has already been brought before Government in Mr. Martins letter above referred to, and that no part of that or of the other items appears to be recoverable.

6. In the three years for which the accounts are now furnished there was an Excessive Expenditure, Exclusive of the amount set apart by the Committee of 1802 of Sa. Rs. *1,52,509-11-6-3, which added to the former balance of 2,47,246-15-17 gives a total of Sa. Rs. 3,99,756-11-3-3—In the year 1234 however a sum of 8,024 rupees and in 1235 a farther sum of 2,272-12 was paid in part liquidation of the former balance so that after deducting these sums and making allowance for a trifling error of accounts the total amount of unliquidated excessive Expenditure up to the end of the year 1235 is 3,89,459-15-3-3, of which 91,335-7-19-3, or that portion which belongs to the years 1226 to 1229 inclusive, has been sanctioned, and the remainder awaits the orders of Government—There is also a small balance of about seven thousand rupees still due on account of the Nazims marriage, but as the two lacks of rupees granted from the Deposit Fund with about twenty thousand more supplied from other quarters seemed to be a sufficiently liberal allowance for that purpose, I declined admitting it into the accounts, and have left His Highness to discharge it from his own resources.

*1233—	25,281- 6-12- 3
1234—	91,775- 7-17- 2
1235 —	35,452-12-16- 2
	1,52,509-11- 6- 3

7. The balance of 3,89,459 rupees is said to be unliquidated because no separate funds have yet been provided for its liquidation and because the Expenditure of a large portion of it has not yet been sanctioned by Government and the fact that nearly one half of that sum has been paid by the appropriation of a part of the ordinary monthly Stipends to that purpose, makes no real difference in the case, as the effect of that arrangement is merely to make the money payable in one quarter instead of another without in any way altering its amount.

8. This appropriation of the Stipends however has been made a ground of accusation by the Nazim against the Naib Dewan, and is what His Highness refers to at the conclusion of his letter to the Governor General which I did myself the honour of forwarding on the 1st of December last—but although there is no doubt that it has been the cause of much inconvenience to the various individuals who have thereby been deprived for a time

of a portion of their just allowances it does not at all appear that it could have been avoided, or that the Naib Dewan is responsible for the measure ; and at all events, he is completely freed from any imputation of dishonesty or personal advantage in the matter as a detailed statement of the amount due to each individual up to the end of the year 1235 which His Highness has caused to be prepared & forwarded to me through the Dewan, merely confirms the accuracy of the Naib Dewan's accounts.

9. Supposing therefore that the accounts now submitted are correct, and that the excessive Expenditure which they exhibit will be sanctioned by Government, we shall have, on the one hand, an unliquidated balance of 3,89,459 rupees, and, to meet it, on the other hand, nothing but the recoverable balance of 65,880 rupees thereby leaving a deficiency of 3,23,579 rupees for the liquidation of which I am afraid, that it will be necessary to have recourse, at least in the first instance, to the Deposit Fund.

10. In my letter of the 12th February last however, I mentioned that the suit instituted on the part of the Nazim against Seith Dhokul Chund had recently been decided in His Highness's favour and though His Highness is evidently anxious to Keep the matter out of sight, and with that view seems endeavouring to come to a private settlement with the Seith, instead of having the decree regularly enforced by the Court ; I conceive that he can have no right to appropriate any part of the money produced by it, to his private use, until this balance, as well as his debt of forty thousand rupees to Raja Bunwaree Lal, has been discharged, and I would therefore recommend that the money be realized by the Agent & that no part of it be paid to the Nazim until the above balance shall have been liquidated or rather till the amount drawn from the Collector's Office for that purpose shall have been replaced and the Raja's debt shall have been discharged.

11. I would also strongly recommend that the distribution of the money should by no means be made by the Nizamut Officers, but intrusted to the Agent with the assistance of the Naib Dewan, as the only means of insuring its due appropriation.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 1st April 1830.

D. Dale,
Actg. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1545]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to state for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council that in obedience to the orders conveyed to me in your letter of the 26th Ultimo, & in consequence of Mr. Dale's departure from Moorshedabad I assumed charged of the Office of Agent to the Governor General on the 2nd Instant.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 7th April 1830.

F. Magniac,
Actg. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1546]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to forward the copy of a letter from Colonel McLeod Superintendent of Nizamut Buildings to my address dated the 5th instant for the purpose of being submitted for the information & orders of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 7th April 1830.

F. Magniac,
Ag. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1547]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—An advance of Rupees seven thousand has been made to Asif ood Deen Ali Khan for the Expenses of his nuptials from the Deposit Fund under the orders of Government dated the 12th March last—You will therefore be pleased to deduct the sum of two hundred Rupees per mensem from his stipend commencing from the present month until the debt is liquidated.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 10th April 1830.

F. Magniac,
Ag. Agent Gr. Gl.

1548]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose receipts in duplicate for Rupees (23,009) twenty three thousand and nine in part payment of the Nizamut stipends for this month & request the favour of your granting me a draft on the General Treasury in favour of Messrs Twentymen & Co. for Sicca Rups. 3,009 and the balance of Rs. 20,000 the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th April 1830.

F. Magniac,
Ag. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1549]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—In compliance with the instructions conveyed in your letter of the 8th February 1828 I beg leave to state for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council that 70 Mds. of Wax candles for the use of the Nizamut will be dispatched from Patna by Mr. Radcliffe in the course of next Month and have therefore to request that the Collector of Customs at that

place may be directed to furnish him with a Maafee Rowannah for the same.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th April 1830.

F. Magniac,
Actg. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1550]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have had the honor to receive a letter from His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim reporting the death of Misrun Kuneez Harum of the late Syud Mahomud Ali Khan son of the late Jahan Begum who received an allowance of 12 Rs. per Mensem out of her Husband's Stipend, & recommending its being resumed—Misrun has left two daughters, Kummur Oonnissa & Imaumee Begum but as they receive each 40 Rs. pr. Mensem & are therefore sufficiently provided for—there seems no reason why His Highness's proposal should not be confirmed.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 21st April 1830.

F. Magniac,
Ag. A. G. G.

[1551]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to state that I have received a letter from His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim reporting the death of Hukeem Ooll Moolk Seyud Mahomud Ali Khan he enjoyed an allowance of 42 Rs. per mensem from the Serishtah Behla He has left a numerous family His Highness therefore proposes to continue the whole of the Stipend to them in the following proportions.

Syud Nujjuf Ali Khan	son	...	7
Syud Mahomed Reza	son	...	7
Syud Mahomed Hossein	son	...	7
Afzool oonnissa	daughter	..	4
Saadut Oonnissa Begum	daughter	.	4
Mohumdee Begum	daughter	..	4
Immaumee Begum	Niece	..	4
Sahib Begum	Wife	...	5
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As the arrangement proposed by His Highness seems to be fair, & equitable & the reasons assigned for continuing the allowance of the deceased to his family satisfactory—I beg leave to recommend its adoption to the favourable consideration of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 21st April 1830.

F. Magniac,
Actg. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1552]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a Copy of my Proceeding of the 21st instant together with the paper therein referred to, for your information.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 24th April 1830.

F. Magniac,
Agent to the Gr. Gl.

[1553]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad

Sir,—Some omissions having occurred in Mr. Dales bill for deputation allowance for the month of March last—in consequence of which it has been recalled by the Acting Civil Auditor. I beg therefore to return the amount drawn by me and shall feel obliged by your returning the Bill in question together with my receipts. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 24th April 1830.

F. Magniac,
Ag. Agent Gr. Gl

[1554]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim has reported the death of Meer Ahmud son of the late Meer Imdaud Ali who received an allowance of 25 Rs. per Mensem from the Serishta Nizamut under the head of Akraba—His Highness proposes to continue the Stipend to the family of the deceased consisting of His Widow Wujee hoon nissa & one son Meer Umjud Ali—As there seems to be nothing to object to in His Highness's proposed distribution of the Stipend I beg to recommend its being sanctioned by the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 5th May 1830.

F. Magniac,
Actg. Agent Gr. Gl.

1555

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg to forward for the purpose of being submitted for the consideration & orders of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council a letter from Lieutt. Col. McLeod Superintendent of Nizamut Building together with a Plan No. 5 & Estimate for some additional Buildings which are required to be erected within the Walls of what is usually denominated the Killah.

2. As these Buildings are absolutely necessary for the purposes specified by Col. McLeod, & he does not propose to commence on all of them at present but to proceed gradually as his means will admit in order that the progress in the more important work, the Building the Palace itself, may not be interfered with, His Lordship in Council in the event of the Plan being approved of will not perhaps object Col. McLeod's proceeding in the manner he proposes into these Buildings. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 8th May 1830.

F. Magniac,
Ag. Agent Gr. Gl.

1556

A Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—An advance of 17,000 Rs. being required on account of the Nizamut Stipend for May I shall be obliged to you to furnish me with a draft on the General Treasury in favor of Raee Girdharee Loll His Highness's Wukeel at the Presidency for Sa. Rs. 5,000 another on the Collector of Dacca Jelalpore in favor of Buham Roy for Rs. 5,000 & 7,000 Rs. in Cash.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14 May 1830.

F. Magniac,
Ag. A. G. G.

[1557]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a draft No. 1 together with my receipt for Sa. Rs. 7,001-3-14 which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 19th May 1830.

F. Magniac,
Ag. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1558]

A. Stirling Esqr.,
Persian Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—At the request of His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim I have the honor to forward the copy of a letter from His Highness to the address of the late Officiating Agent Mr. Dale, & also a translation of the abovementioned letter.

2. The letter appears to contain objections to certain Excess of Expenditure in the Departments of the Peelkhana, Tyoor Khana, Madah Gow Khana & Doombakhana being excluded from the Nizamut Accounts and thrown upon the Kullumdan Khana—The excess of Expenditure occurred in the years 1233, 34, & 35—The reasoning by which His Highness supports his objection is that during those years he was in his minority, & the whole control & authority, both in the affairs & accounts of the Nizamut was vested in the Agent & that in strict fairness he ought not to incur the penalty consequent upon a profuse & Excess of Expenditure in the several Departments named during a period in which he had not the power either to enquire into or prevent an Expenditure Exceeding the scale of fixed allowance.

3. The Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council will I think be inclined to admit to a certain extent the justness of His Highness's argument & that if a reduction in the Expenditure of the different Karkhanajats was to be made, the time of His Highness's Minority offered an opportunity of regulating the scale of Expenditure in those Departments which ought not to have been neglected—It is also desirable that His Highness on assuming the management of His own affairs should find them as free & unembarrassed as circumstance will allow & in this point of view, His Lordship in Council will perhaps feel disposed to relieve the Privy Purse from the additional burthen with which it will be encumbered by the Excess of Expenditure in the Karkhanajat being charged to the Kullumdankhana.

4. His Highness further objects to the Expense attending the Khellaut which was conferred on the Rajah of Benares being charged to the Kullumdankhanah, the Nazim states that it was conferred at the suggestion of the Agent & not by his own particular wish & that consequently the charges should fall upon the general funds of the Nizamut & not upon the privy purse. There is an allowance under the sanction of the Committee of 1802, for Khellauts and presents, but this seems to have been intended to meet similar charge incurred in bestowing Khellauts &ca. on persons connected with the Nizamut & not for extra purposes as in the case of the Rajah of Benares—The expenditure on this account in the year in which the Khellaut was conferred on the Rajah exceeded the allowance in a trifling sum.

5. As the subject of the Mussaldars & the Muhalats has already been brought to the Notice of Government by the late Officiating Agent in his report in the case of the Naib Dewan & is still pending, it does not appear to be at this moment, necessary or advisable to offer any further observations thereon.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 26th May 1830.

F. Magniac,
Actg. Agent Gr. Gl.

Enclosure

Translation of a letter from His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim to the address of Mr. D. Dale the late Acting Agent to the Governor General Dated the 5th Showal 1245 Hijree.

After the usual Compliments.

Your letter of date the 4th of Rujjub 1245 Hijree, corresponding with the 13th of January 1830, in reply to my letter dated the 4th of Rubbee oo Sanee 1244 Hijree, on the subject of two Statements of the objected Expenditure in the Kullumdan Khana, of another of the Excess Expenditure in the Feel Khana Dept. &ca. Com-

mencing from the year 1232 to 1235 B.S. and also of the accounts relating to the Rumnahs & to the Mussaldars forwarded by me ; in which you acknowledge their receipt, & state that you have examined the several Items therein specified in the presence of the Dewan of the Nizamut & Darab Ally Khan &, made such retrenchments as appeared to you right & proper transmitting a statement of the same for my information of the result of the case, that of the Feelkhana, Maudgow Khana Tyurekhana and Doombakhana those only of the Feelkhana, a department considered absolutely necessary to the splendor of my elevated rank & Situation, have for my sake been included in the accounts for 1235 B.S. subject however to the pleasure & sanction of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General that deeming the Expences attending the Madgowkhana disadvantageous to the Nizamut and considering the Tyure Khana the Expense of which is defrayed from the amount appropriated to meet Excess Expenditure as an Establishment adapted only for the recreation and amusement of the Nazim, you express your inability to add these expenses to the Nizamut & mention their consequent exclusion, along with others mentioned above, from the accounts of 1235 that the charges connected with the Khillut conferred on the Rajah of Benares, the Entertainment at Chumpapookur, & the making of covers for Bed, being considered Exuberant & beyond the scale of fixed Expenditure, cannot likewise be admitted in the Nizamut Accounts, that the circumstances relating to the Rumnahs & to the Mussaldars having been once brought to the Knowledge of Government in the Report submitted by you in the case of the Naib Dewan the task of again submitting it to the notice of Government is deemed unnecessary, that my request for the transmission of the papers comprehending the sums unpaid to Individuals during the period of my minority, or up to 1235 B.S. with the Accounts for that year, is just & proper, that a requisition of the accounts of Wasil Bawkees of the several Sherishtahs has been made to the Dewan and requesting my attention to this point, Your letter on these and other topics therein referred to I have received, & duly considered all its contents.

After the lapse of a length of time and without investigation at what you have stated in reply to my letter of the 4th of Rubboosance 1244 Hijree written in answer to your letter of the 13th of September 1828 I have felt much surprised and grieved—I was certain that the suspension of the cases referred to in my letter abovementioned, was in consequence of their being of a ponderous nature and that you would decide upon them at your convenience but not otherwise since they were causes of a Weighty nature to this Sircar & In consequence of so much disorder I have sustained a great loss notwithstanding I repeatedly urged your attention, yet the cases were suspended all this while—and without making any investigation into them or informing me of the state of the affair, you have merely on the false assertion of the Discharged Rae Parsenath thus terminated them and submitted a Report to the Governor General—By the manner in which you have terminated the cases, not only myself but also the dependants of the Kullumdan Khana & Nizamut have suffered greatly —therefore it becomes impossible for me to agree to this decision and I have to state that after the receipt of your letter and on being acquainted with its tenor, I enquired from the Dewan of the Sircar and Daraub Ally Khan regarding the decision of the case referred to in the abovementioned Statements & ascertained they could not afford me any information respecting their determination—but they stated that once or twice the papers were presented to you, and a confrontation took place but the cases remained undetermined. Moreover you mentioned that when the accounts were prepared up to 1235 B.S. any Funds coming forth from the Nizamut would be entered into the Nizamut and that necessary measures would be adapted in regard to the balance—You will duly consider whether the investigation made in such weighty cases was at all terminated to their purport & having determined them simply on verbal information, it was necessary that such written information as should be thought requisite should have been obtained in writing both from the Dewan & the dismissed Naib Dewan especially in the case of the Rumnahs & Mussaldars complainant—and enquiry should be instituted in their presence thereby every circumstance would have been fully ascertained—and no room would have been felt for any one to drop in a word—What is past, is past & gone now according to Laws and Justice you will at your convenience be pleased to reinvestigate the cases, without the interference of the dismissed Naib Dewan, with whose guidance & officiousness the business has been rendered useless I consider the cases perfectly right, if otherwise—not only myself but the other complainants ought to feel pacified, & not Murmur—The items inserted in the statement sent, according to rights of justice should have been inserted in the Nizamut accounts I had plainly stated in my letter that all these Frauds and embezzlements would at the end fall on the Naib Dewan -Its requisite that without placing any farther reliance in the said Naib Dewan without his interference the cases should be investigated into—During the period of my Minority he was appointed on the part of the former Agent with the view of his being the means of accruing a saving in the Nizamut—and to oversee all the Karkhanajats, to the reverse he has embezzled large sums of money from the several Departments as well as from the Poushack Khas &ca. and from his bad management of affairs & from the frauds committed by him an Excess Expenditure has been incurred, thereby a certain allotted portions payable out of the Stipends have fallen into arrears—Whereby the Dependants & Dheorys, not receiving their full allowance &ca. are labouring under great trouble and distress -This fraudulent transaction of his I have enquired into & Moreover have brought it to the Notice of Government & should he be allowed to enterfere in the investigation of the cases referred to, he will not fail to screen his defaults—the items specified in your letter as having been allowed and disallowed—I am certain that he has concealed his embezzlement, under the idea that the accounts during the period of my minority are about to be forwarded to Government & that they will be found to correspond with the Expenditure of other years or in some degree less—Whereby they will not attract the attention of Government therefore he has transferred some of the Expenditures actually incurred in the Nizamut to the Kullumdankhanah with motives of screening his Fraudulent transactions and the sums thus Excluded from the Nizamut accounts are transferred to the Kullumdan Khanah, which of course will in a great measure diminish the amount of those accounts—

Its a matter of grievance that you should without consideration and merely on his statement and contrary to Customs have transferred several items of Expenditure from the Nizamut to the Kullumdan Khana & which were absolutely of a nature to be retained on those accounts—Moreover the Expenses appertaining to the several Karkhanajats were all along introduced into the Nizamut accounts & have been expelled from the accounts of the year 1235 B.S. and placed upon the Kullumdan Khana which has been the source or cause of much Embarrassment—You will take into consideration the circumstances of the cases since they are not of so slight a nature, that they may be imagined as such and decided on with little or no attention after experiencing this Embarrassment & loss shall I remain silent—Whatever you have stated regarding the Statements connected with the expenses of the Feelkhana Maudgow Khana Tyure Khana and Doomba Khana—On considering which occasioned much astonishment and grief, because its well known that from the year 1232 to 1235 B.S. the Agent agreeably to the orders of Government had the management of the affairs of the Nizamut in general, as well as of the privy purse—I had not the smallest control in any affair whatsoever—Moreover it was a matter of disagreeableness to the Agent if any papers regarding the Nizamut affairs were brought to me—Consequently no Amlahs ever brought any papers relative to the Sirkar to me, which is generally well known—If the papers of the Serishta were brought to me & were I made acquainted with rules of direct & indirect mode of Expenditure & if the Excess Expenditure had then occurred, or had I persevered or authorized the Expenditure, in that case those Expenses could certainly be charged to the Kullumdan Khana—Consider that I was totally ignorant as to the direct & indirect mode of Expenditure, nor was any sum Expended under my authority & altho' the former Agent had the sole control of the Nizamut affairs & was acquainted with the Rules of the Nizamut Expenditure Yet the Excess Expences were allowed to exist—How can it according to Justice be said that these several large sums have been outstanding from year to year, and then moreover in my present state of Embarrassment to be justly introduced or charged to the Kullumdan Khana therefore according to right & justice & moreover from the Rules of security and friendship towards the minors its required to guard against losses in the Expenditure & look towards accruing a saving so that not the smallest loss may take place—Be assured that in the constant & customary routine of business whatever saving has accrued by the appointment of new Amlahs is well Known from my former epistle, & to state it again is useless & superfluous—During the period of my minority whatever Expenses have occurred in the Feel Khana Gow Khana Doomba Khana, & Tyure Khana—I had Expressed a wish to their being inserted in the accounts of the Nizamut—On the contrary you have expelled such items of expenditure as according to custom were charged into the Nizamut Department & you have therefore excluded them from the accounts for 1235 B.S. and transferred them to the Kullumdan Khana—This be assured requires consideration—that the origin of these expenses are customary & according to the Rules belonging to the Nizamut & to charge them to the Kullumdan Khana cannot be deemed proper therefore all Expenses of a nature already mentioned & incurred during the period of my minority should by rights be inserted in the Nizamut accounts or discharged from the Deposit Fund—As all these excess expenditures had occurred in consequence of my being a minor & without my authority & I have had no control over them—You have with the exception of the expenses for the Feelkhana excluded the Expenses connected with the abovementioned Departments from the accounts of 1235 B.S.

It cannot be suppressed that the splendor & prosperity of the Sircar Nizamut is always the extreme wish of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General & the members of Council & the splendor of this Sircar chiefly depends on the extension of the Karkhanajats and their Dependants, but if with the wish of diminishing them, there are other Karkhanajats in which reduction can be made & from which no profit is derived but only established for the magnificence & Dignity of the Nazim—reducing the Karkhanas in this manner will however be the means of Diminishing the grandeur & splendor of this Sircar—I am confident that this manner of curtailment will not meet the wishes of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General you have stated that there is no benefit derived to the Nizamut from those Karkhanajats and that they are solely Established for the recreation of the Nazim on perusing this sentiments I was much grieved, it is to be considered that the Sircar Nizamut & the Karkhanats of the Nizamut are Established merely for the Nazim otherwise the whole of it may be put upon the Kullumdan Khana—Since it has appeared to you that they were intended for my recreation—Imagine that the Birds & Beasts belonging to the Karkhanahs in question are never brought in my presence therefore what pleasure or recreation can I derive from them However these Karkhanas and their Dependants certainly add Splendor to the Sircar—Consequently the Committee Gentlemen as well as the former Agents having deemed these expenditure just & proper & have pronounced them legal.

You have also written that the Expenses attending the Khillut conferred on the Rajah of Benares & the entertainment given at Chumpapookur & the making of covers for Bed &ca. are exuberant & Exceed the scale of fixed allowance consequently they have been excluded—It is not unknown to you that 7,000 & some hundred Rupees are allowed from the Funds set aside to meet Excess expenditure for Presents Khilluts &ca. In some years the Expenditure is more, in some less—Moreover you will recollect that the Khillut was bestowed on the Rajah of Benares agreeably to your intimation & approval, You have considered this Expense to exceed the limits of Expenditure consequently you have excluded it from the Nizamut Accounts & introduced it into the privy purse—The expenses of the entertainment at Chumpapookur & of the covers for Bed &ca. being considered exuberant & beyond the scale of Fixed allowance are likewise excluded from the accounts of the Nizamut & charged to the account of the privy purse—This is surprising—If you inspected the papers of the past years you would have found that such expenditures are not inserted in the Fixed scale of Expenditure but, in cases of necessity when such Expenses have occurred, they have been charged to & sanctioned from the sums allowed to meet the excess Expenditure—Since the

assignment of the Kullumdan Khana is intended chiefly to meet the expenses connected with the privy purse which from the variety of claims on it is totally incapable of bearing any other charges it is unjustifiable to burden it with the charge of the abovementioned items I am therefore compelled by necessity to object to it—You have written that the subject relating to the Rumnajats & Mussuldars has been already brought to the notice of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in the Report which you made in the case of the Naib Dewan & that there is no farther necessity of bringing it again under the Notice of His Lordship—You will recollect that in your letter of the 13th September 1828 you Stated that the Statement relating to the Muhaulauts Rumnahjats the Mussuldars complainant were called for by the Government and that you offered after receiving my Sentiments thereon and making an enquiry to represent the circumstances to His Lordship—I in my letter therefore of the 4th of Rubbeeoosanee 1244 Hijree I stated the particular of the case with the View that you could investigate into them—But to this period no sign of any investigation I have either seen or heard—I do not know what investigation you have made—In the abovementioned letter I stated the case with the hope that it would be more fully investigated into & that previous to submitting a Report on the subject you would acquaint me with the result of your enquiry in order of giving me an opportunity of Stating anything deemed necessary to be added to the Report, but without paying any regard to my intention & inclination and without my knowledge of the case you reported the circumstance to Government If you had previous to making a Report informed me of the circumstance—any farther exhibition of investigation was of no material consequence—I was certain that in the case of the Rumnajats & Mussuldars the officers of the Mahalauts & such of the Mussaldars as are complainants would have been sent for but nothing was heard or done —The reduced & diminished state in which I am just now is not concealed from you I was fully confident that with your favor I would have overcome them but from the enmity of the dismissed malignant nothing has been effected to the reverse several items which ought to have been inserted in the Accounts of the Nizamut for the year 1235 B.S. have been put upon the Privy Purse which has caused me much Embarrassment—Moreover at the Moment of my Injunction to the Officers I was informed that the papers relating to the sums due up to the year 1235 B.S. could not be got ready in less than one month —I have to State that if you are now desirous of only reporting on the accounts of the Nizamut without waiting for the Statement of the sums due from each of the Departments I hope that you will transmit along with the accounts a Copy of this letter together with a Copy of one dated the 4th Rubbosanee 1224 Hijree as well as copies of its accompaniments—At a future period I shall submit a Statement of my objections to the investigation let on foot, as well as the papers specifying the sums due to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General but I am under the hope that you will solicit the postponement of an investigation till my objections shall have been received I have also directed my Agent to make known my intentions to Mr. Stirling & whatever you may have reported especially in the case of Rumnajats Mussauldars ; and the dismissed Naib Dewan you will be pleased to state for my information to enable me to set for the any objections which I may deem just and proper for the purpose of my submitting the same to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General—Moreover the papers which are now Getting ready for the period of my Minority for the purpose of being submitted to Government on enquiry of the Dewan I am informed that Copies of those papers are not in the Sherista of the Sircar and neither have they been compared with the Dewan therefore I have to State that copies of these papers may likewise be sent to me, that on a due consideration if any objection should remain I may likewise submit the same for the information of His Lordship.

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A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose Duplicate receipts for Sicca Rupees one thousand Five hundred being the amount of the Nizamut College allowance for the Month of April last which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 29th May 1830.

F. Magniac,
Ag. Agent Gr. Gl.

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S. Fraser Esqr.,
Deputy Secretary to Government in charge of Persian Office, Fort William.

Sir,—During the time Mr. Dale held charge of the Offices of Judge of the City of Moorshedabad & Officiating Agent to the Governor General he received an extra allowance of 350 Rs. a month on the duties of Magistrate also devolving upon him the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council was pleased to authorize his drawing an additional 150 Rs.—As I have succeeded Mr. Dale as Judge & Magistrate & have also charge of the Office of Agent to the Governor General I considered myself entitled to the same allowance as had been sanctioned in favor of Mr. Dale I therefore forwarded a bill for extra allowance at the rate of 500 Rs. per Mensem but it has been returned by the Civil Auditor passed for only 350 Rs. I therefore request you will do me the favor of submitting for the consideration of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, whether I am not entitled to draw the full allowance of 500 Rs. pr. Mensem.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 12th June 1830.

F. Magniac,
Actg. Agent Govr. Genl.

[1561]

A. Smelt Esqr.,
Acting Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg leave to enclose Receipt in duplicate for the sum of Sicca Rupees Forty thousand (Sa. Rs. 40,000)

in part of the Nizamut Stipend for June 1830 which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th June 1830.

F. Magniac,
A. A. G. G.

[1562]

S. Fraser Esqr.,
Deputy Secretary to Government in charge of
Persian Office, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to forward a letter from Juggut Seth Gobind Chund to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General & also one to your own address.

2. It seems that Juggut Seth is desirous of obtaining the sanction of Government to proceed to Lucknow the ostensible purpose of the Journey is to dispose of certain property or Jewels which it is supposed will meet with a more ready sale & be disposed of so more advantage at Lucknow than at Moorshedabad—the real object of the Journey I apprehend to be the desire of escaping from this place & carrying into effect some absurd notions which the young man has adopted of being introduced & exhibiting himself before the King of Oude.

3. This state of the affairs of the Seitt family has already been brought under the notice of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council by the late Agent Mr. Melville & although the motives which induced the Agent to undertake the arrangement of settlement of the affairs of Juggut Seitt were fully apprehended yet the Government declined authorizing the Agent ; incurring any official responsibility or in any way pledging the Government to assist by a pecuniary loan—the task I regret to state has experienced the difficulties which were anticipated, & any hope which might have existed of bringing the affairs into a satisfactory train for adjustment has been totally destroyed by a Decree lately obtained by Rajah Hureenauth in the Supreme Court against Juggut Seth, & only a few days ago a Writ of attachment issued by the Sherriff of Calcutta was served on all that remained of the real property situated in this District.

4. This being the case the whole property which remains to meet the many claims still pending against the Seith consists in the Jewels which he proposes to dispose of at Lucknow ; that a better price & more ready sale might be obtained there I have no doubt, but from the style of preparation & the numerous attendants which Juggut Seith proposes should accompany him I fear that any additional profit which might be looked for by the sale taking place at Lucknow would be wholly observed [absorbed?] & probably encreased by the expences of the Journey & both his age & disposition preclude all expectation of economy or of his allowing his expenditure to be regulated by his Dewan or other ministerial officers I am led to this conclusion by (illegible) [observations?] which I have made since my arrival at Moorshedabad, he has cherished the idea of his being in a par with His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim & in pursuance of this vain notion that it is necessary for him if not actually to vie with His Highness at least to place himself in an essentity [equality?] in matter not only of expenditure but of forms & ceremonies so much to [so?] that his conduct having come to the Knowledge of the Nazim was in one occasion being nearly leading to disagreeable consequences.

5. It is also highly probable that the persons having demands against Juggut Seith would object to his leaving Moorshedabad & carrying with him the only property they can look to as a security for the payment of what is Justly due to them—Juggut Seithanee the mother is also decidedly averse from his undertaking the Journey ; having noticed her son's turn for expence, she has lately refused him the means (for she has still property at her disposal, of gratifying his taste) which has been the cause of a coolness & estrangement taking place between them Under every consideration therefore I should hesitate in recommending the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council affording his sanction to the proposed Journey.

6. In a conversation which I had a short time ago with Juggut Seith, when he was forcibly expressing the distress & degradation in which he felt himself to be placed, comparing his present situation with the state of his family in former days, I took occasion to point out some of the circumstances which I have mentioned in this address & endeavoured to dissuade him from increasing his difficulties by undertaking this Journey, but he appeared neither to be convinced or influenced by my observations.

7. Although the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council declined vesting the Agent with any Official authority or responsibility in the affairs of the Seith family, yet as an interesting [*sic*] in the well being of the family has been expressed on the part of the British Government I trust I shall not be considered as having deviated from the line of my duty in having entered so much into detail on the occasion of forwarding the Seith's letters.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 16th June 1830.

F. Magniac,
Actg. Agent to the Gr. Gl.

[1563]

S. Fraser Esqr.,
Deputy Secretary to Government in charge of
Persian Office, Fort William.

Sir,—His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim has reported the death of Kootub Oon Nissa Begum the daughter of the late Nuwaub Roostumjung. This Lady enjoyed an allowance of 35 Rs. Twenty five Rupees under the orders of Government communicated in the 5 Para. of a letter from the Deputy Persian Secretary dated the 3 of November 1809 & on the death of one of the Harems of her Father Roostum Jung 10 Rs. was added making altogether a Stipend of 35 Rs.

Kootub Oon Nissa has left no family & His Highness proposes to continue the allowance in favor of Her Husband Padshah Ali, it appears however that almost from the day of the marriage the Husband and Wife were in bad terms & very soon Mutually agreed to a separation—On this ground therefore it may perhaps be questionable how far it would be right or Expedient to continue this Stipend to Padshah Ali more particularly as I have good cause for believing that marriages in the Nizamut are often contracted on the part of the Husband

with a view to the pecuniary advantage which he derives from the connection & without any reference to the more important objects in marrying.

The present would in my opinion be proper occasion for shewing the disapprobation of Government to marriages contracted with such views & I would therefore recommend either that the Stipend be resumed or that it be granted to Kootub Oon Nissa's Brother Meer Mohomud Ali, he always enjoyed an allowance of 70 Rs. a month but as this is part of one of those Stipends which have been declared by the Committee of 1802 hereditary the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council will perhaps be inclined to adopt the latter suggestion.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 19th June 1830.

F. Magniac,
Actg. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1564]

G. Swinton Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23d Instt. and beg to acquaint for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General with my having taken charge of the office of Agent to the Governor General at Moorshedabad.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 31st July 1830.

J. Money,
Offg. Agent G. G.

[1565]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose Duplicate receipts for Rupees Four thousand five hundred being the amount of the Nizamut College allowance for the month of May June & July last which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14 Augt. 1830.

J. Money,
A. A. G. G.

[1566]

G. Swinton Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg to forward for the purpose of being submitted for the consideration & orders of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General a Copy of a letter from Lieut. Col. McLeod Superintendent of Nizamut Buildings dated the 31st Ultimo.

The employment of a native Doctor appears to be indispensable the salary which Col. McLeod proposes to pay to him is 20 Rupees pr. Month. As. Dr. Burt in his personal visits to patients at the distance of 9 miles from his residence must have undergone considerable fatigue perhaps the Governor General may be pleased to sanction a present of the larger sum (vizt. Rs. 500) [*sic*] which has been solicited for him by Col. McLeod.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th Augt. 1830.

J. Money,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1567]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose receipt in duplicate for the sum of Sicca Rupees Twenty thousand in part payment of the Nizamut Stipend for August 1830—& the amount, which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 18th Augt. 1830.

J. Money,
Offg. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1568]

George Swinton Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—In obedience to the orders of Government conveyed in your letter of the 30th Ultimo, I took the earliest opportunity of expressing to His Highness the serious displeasure with which His Lordship in Council had learnt his extraordinary proceedings & of communicating to him the further instructions which your letter contained.

2. I beg leave to state for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council that the Nazim expressed great concerns that such conduct should have been pursued by his retinue calling for a communication of the nature which I had been directed to make to him ; & that he has made an ample apology for the insult offered to Doctor Burt who, I am happy to say, has expressed his satisfaction for the reparation made by His Highness.

3. I farther beg to state for the information of His Lordship in Council, that the Nazim has dismissed from his service the Korahburdars & Darogah of his stables, the persons particularized in Doctor Burt's letter of the 20th Ultimo who committed the outrage.

4. I have also the honor to enclose copy of a Letter from Dr. Burt, expressing his thanks to His Lordship in Council for the very prompt attention paid to his complaint against His Highness the Nazim of Bengal.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 21st Augt. 1830.

J. Money
Offg. Agent to the Gr. Gl.

Abstract

On the subject of the outrage committed by His Highness's followers and the Nazim's apology to Mr. Burt for the insult—also enclosing copy of Mr. Asst. Surgeon Burt's letter.

[1569]

G. Swinton Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim has reported the death of Uzzeezoon Nissa Khanum—She enjoyed an allowance of Rups. 23 per mensem from the Sherishta Behlah under the head of Akurba—His Highness proposes to continue her Stipend on her Grand-children in the following proportions.

Syud Hossein Grandson	... ...	15
Valaitee Begum Grand-daughter		8
		Rs. 23

As the persons recommended receive no other allowance, there seems to be nothing to object in His Highness's proposal, I beg to recommend its being sanctioned by the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 25th Augt. 1830.

J. Money,
Offg. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1570]

G. Swinton Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to report for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council that I have received a letter from His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim to the address of My predecessor communicating the death of Oomdut oon Nissa the daughter of Zeboon Nissa who enjoyed an allowance of Rs. 74-9 out of the Stipends of Bakur Ally Khan Sabut Jung, Mirza Mohummed Jaffer, Mirza Mohummed Asgur & Ruheemoon Nissa Begum and recommending its being resumed —Oomdut oon Nissa has left a mother Zeboon Nissa who receives an allowance of Rs. 60 per mensem, she is therefore sufficiently provided for, & there seems no reason why His Highness's proposal should not be confirmed. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 25th Augt. 1830.

J. Money,
Offg. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1571]

G. Swinton Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to report the death of the following Rajemehal Stipendiaries.

2. Meer Secundur Ally who enjoyed an allowance of Rs. 28 under the head of Akerbah—he has left a son Syud Jan by his Begum Gohuroon Nissa and an illegitimate daughter Peearee Begum by a Khawas named Rujjo, Nuwab Mudarud Dowlah in conjunction with Murium Begum has recommended that the Pension should be continued to the family of the deceased, & be confirmed in the name of his Widow Gohuroon Nissa.

3. Also of Meer Syud Ally brother to Secundur Ally who has left a legitimate daughter Jhucksa Begum He received an allowance of Rs. 24 which it is proposed to be settled to the family in the name of his widow Khyroon Nissa Begum.

4. As this arrangement is conformable to the Established usage & appears to be liable to no objection, I beg leave to recommend that they be sanctioned.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 25th Augt. 1830.

J. Money,
Ag. Agent Gr. Gl.

[1572]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a Copy of my proceedings of this date for your information.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 25th Augt. 1830.

J. Money,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1573]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a Copy of my proceedings of this day's date returning the Security Bond executed by Raheemoon Nissa Begum.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 28th Augt. 1830.

J. Money,
A. A. G. G.

[1574]

G. Swinton Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg to solicit the permission of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council to be absent from my station during twenty days from the date of the arrival from England of the ship Lt. Harington, expected to reach Calcutta in the course of the present month.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 6th Septr. 1830.

J. Money,
A. A. G. G.

[1575]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose receipt in duplicate for Sa. Rs. 30,000 Sicca Rupees thirty thousand in payment

of the Nizamut stipend for September 1830 which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 14th Septr. 1830.

J. Money,
A. A. G. G.

[1576]

G. Swinton Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I am concerned to have to report to you for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General the demise after midnight of the 30th Ultimo of the Nuwaub Monglee, uncle to His Highness the Nazim.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 2d Octr. 1830.

J. Money,
A. A. G. G.

[1577

G. Swinton Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg to acquaint you for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General that Syud Hosain Alee son to the late Daood Alee Khan has left this City without permission or even without communicating his intention to me—It is reported that Hossain Allee has proceeded to the Presidency I beg therefore to suggest that in the event of his making any application at your office he be required to return forthwith to Moorshedabad.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 6th Octr. 1830.

J. Money,
A. A. G. G.

[1578]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to return the abstract in duplicate of the Nizamut stipends for Septr. 1830 with my countersignature.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 21st Octr. 1830.

J. Money,
A. A. G. G.

[1579]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose my receipt in duplicate for the sum of Sicca Rupees Ten thousand in part payment of the Nizamut stipend for October 1830 which the bearer will receive for.—Your etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 21 Octr. 1830.

J. Money,
A. A. G. G.

[1580]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to send my duplicate receipts for rupees 744-10-8 as also the abstract for August last duly amended.

A reference to Government has been made in the case of the Burkundazes entertained in lieu of the Sepahees for the protection of the Agent's office.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 30th Octr. 1830.

J. Money,
A. A. G. G.

[1581]

G. Swinton Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I do myself the honor of forwarding a letter from His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General, on the subject of His Highness's intention to proceed to Uzeemabad for the recovery of his health, together with a certificate from Mr. Savage the Civil Surgeon of this station recommending the Nazim to proceed on a voyage on the River to the upper Provinces for the benefit of his health.

2d. As the Nazims health seems to be impaired I beg to recommend that the request solicited by His Highness may be granted to him by the Right Hon'ble the Governor General.

3d. His Highness has also sent an estimate of the expences which are considered necessary for the purpose of enabling him to proceed on his intended journey to Uzeemabad, and which I do myself the honor to annex.

4th. The estimate has been prepared on a moderate scale & I therefore take the liberty of recommending that in the event, His Highness's excursion being sanctioned by His Lordship he may be authorized to draw the sum of Rupees Fifteen thousand from the Deposit Fund for that purpose.

5th. Measures will be adapted for the transaction of business and the preservation of Nizamut property during the absence of the Nazim in conformity with the orders issued on the 28th of July 1821.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 30th Octr. 1830.

J. Money,
A. A. G. G.

Estimate of the Expence required for His Highness's Excursion to Uzeemabad.

Boat hire &ca.	... ...	9,000-0-0
Sundry Expences &ca.	...	3,000-0-0
Extra charges for the Kitchen	...	1,500-0-0
Wax candles & Mushal Khana	...	1,500-0-0
	Sicca Rs.	15,000-0-0

Enclosure

Abstract

Forwarding a letter from His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Govr. General—soliciting permission to proceed to Uzeemabad for the recovery of his health, together with a Certificate from the Surgeon of this station recommending a change of air, & the same recommended by the Agent—Also annexing an estimate of the amount required for the Nazims intended journey & recommending that a sum of Rupees Fifteen thousand be granted to His Highness from the Deposit Fund for that purpose & stating that measures will be adopted for the transaction of business & the preservation of Nizamut property during the absence of the Nazim in conformity with the orders issued on the 28th of July 1821.

I John Savage Civil Surgeon at Moorshedabad do hereby certify that His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim Behadoor, is in a bad state of health & that in my opinion a change of air is essentially necessary for his recovery, & do therefore recommend, His Highness to proceed on the River to the upper Provinces for this purpose.

Moorshedabad, the 4th Octr. 1830.

John Savage, *Civil Surgeon.*

Twelve months since I had the honor of accompanying His Highness on an excursion on the River for the benefit of his health with permission to go as far as Benares—when he had arrived at Patna his health had so much improved that I had reason to believe it would have been completely restored had he continued on the River a month or two longer—But intelligence was received that the Right Hon'ble the Govr. General was expected at Moorshedabad ; and the anxiety of His Highness to meet His Lordship, induced him to return without further delay. Certainly with health considerably amended but not reestablished—The Hot season brought on as might be expected, a return of his complaints derangement of the Digestive powers I have been induced therefore to recommend another trial of what on the last occasion appeared to promise such great advantage ; but I would add as my opinion, that His Highness should be absent for a longer period & proceed to a greater distance than on the former occasion.

Moorshedabad, the 4th Octr. 1830.

John Savage, *Civil Surgeon.*

[1582]

G. Swinton Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to inform you that the Guard Consisting of 1 Havildar 1 Naick & 12 Sepoys which had been supplied from the Moorshedabad Provincial Battalion for the protection of the Agent's Office was upon the disbanding of that Corps replaced by I Duffadar & 12 Burkundazes in conformity with General order of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council dated the 4th of June last.

2d. Mr. Travers the Collector of Moorshedabad having intimated to me that the Civil Auditor has retrenched from the salary abstract for the month of July last, the sum of Rs. 54—the wages of 1 Duffadar & 12 Burkundazes entertained in lieu of the Sepoys & declining to discharge the same for the month of August, without the express orders of the Government, I have therefore to request you will take an early opportunity of obtaining from the Right Hon'ble the Governor General his sanction to the Collector's paying the amount.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G., Moorshedabad, the 1st November 1830.

J. Money, *A. A. G. G.*

[1583]

G. Swinton Esquire,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit a copy of a letter from Lieutt. Coll. McLeod, Superintendent of Nizamut Buildings, requesting permission on account of very urgent private affairs to remain until the 15th Proximo at the Presidency whither from the same pressing necessity I had sanctioned his proceeding I beg strongly to recommend, that the Lieutt. Colonel's request be complied with by the Hon'ble the Vice President in Council ; & that he likewise be permitted to retain the exclusive direction of the public duties confided to him which are prosecuting under the superintendence of his Agents in a manner highly creditable to the Lt. Colonel's selection of them.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G., Moorshedabad, the 22d Novr. 1830.

J. Money, *A. A. G. G.*

[1584]

G. Swinton Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I have had the honor to receive your letter under date the 5th Instt. and in reply beg leave to state for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General that the Burkundages were entertained by my predecessor Mr. Magniac the late Acting Agent to the Governor General agreeably to the General orders & resolutions of Government conveyed to him as Judge & Magistrate by the Commissioner for the Division of Moorshedabad.

2d. Mr. Martin when Acting Agent to the Govr. Genl. in his letter of the 3d of December 1818, reported for the information of Government, that the Office of the Governor General's Agent was broken into & that all the Persian records of the Office, excepting those relating to the period of Mr. Monckton's administration & his own was totally consumed by fire applied to it ; moreover some silver articles belonging to the estate of the late Nuwaub Rostum Jung, which had been deposited in the office were stolen.

3d. Under such circumstances Mr. Martin was induced to recommend the expediency of allotting a Guard for the protection of the Agent's Office.

4th. In obedience to the orders of Government the Officer Commanding the Provincial Battalion furnished the Agent with a Guard consisting of 1 Havildar & 1 Naick & 12 Sepahees, who were relieved on the disbandment of that corps by 1 Duffadar & 12 Burkundages as stated to you in my letter of the 1st Instant.

5th. With the view to prevent a similar occurrence & to secure the accumulating fund connected with the College Establishment for the purchase of Books and other purposes, as well as the sums usually received in deposit belonging to the Members of the Nizamut, I feel confident that His Lordship will sanction the entertainment of such an Establishment.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 24th Novr. 1830.

J. Money,
A. A. G. G.

G. Swinton Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—In continuation of my letter of the 2d of October last—I beg leave to report for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, that I have received a letter from His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim Communicating the death of Nuwaub Abool Kasim Khan Commonly called Nuwaub Munglee who died within the Kellah on the 30th of Septr. last—He received a pension of Rs. 1,500 fixed by the Committee of 1802 as the eldest son of His late Highness Moobarukood Dowlah.

2d. I need not dwell largely on the character of this person—The uniform respectability he had maintained through a long life had obtained for him repeated marks of the favor of Government & the respect of all classes of the natives in this City.

3d. His Highness proposes to distribute the Stipend of the late Nuwaub in the following manner namely—

	Proposed by His H.	Agent's Remarks
To Syud Sufdur Ally 3d son of the late Nuwaub Meer Munglee	726	This amount has been proposed for the young man in consequence of his being placed at the head of the family.
To Shurfoon Nissa Khanum mother of the deceased	150	This Lady already received from the Nizamut Rs. 150 and Rs. 100 from her Grandson Meer Mohummud Hoosain together with the sum now proposed (Rs. 150) will give her an income of Rs. 400 per mensem.
To Ulfoon Nissa Daughter of the deceased ...	150	This Lady is married to Wahed Hosain Khan who receive an allowance of Rs. 350.
To Aleeah Begum daughter of the late Ushruf Ally 2d son of the deceased	100	This lady is unmarried—Therefore its recommended that Rs. 50 be expended and allowing Rs. 50 to accumulate as a fund to provide for her marriage, but to revert to her on that event taking place.
To Ushrufoon Nissa Begum daughter of the late Syud Ussud Ally eldest son of the deceased	60	This lady is married to Syud Ushruf Ally who enjoys an allowance of Rs. 370.
the deceased ...	15	
To Goohun Ditto Ditto ...	7	
To Sooltan Khajah Sarie Dead ...	30	
To Murjan Ditto Dead ...	30	
For Tomb Expences	18	
pendants		
Meer Ubdoullah Dead	30	Transferred to Sufdar Jung in/33.
Moonshee Bubber Ally ...	30	
Hyder Ally	20	
Gobind Pershaud	20	
Raj Kishen	16	
Meer Umjud Ally	15	
Mirza Bakir Ally Dead	15	Transferred to Sufdar Jung Govt. order 26 July 1854.
Meer Hussun Ally Dead	10	Transferred to Sufdar Jung Govt. order 26 July 1854.
Mohummud Tiaz Dead	13	Transferred to Sufdur Jung in 1833.

		Proposed by His H.		Agent's Remarks
Shaik Imdaud Hoosain	...	10		The allowances granted to the Dependants would of course be considered as life grants only.
Khodeeloll ...	...	7		
Dependant of Umrut Loll	...	5		
		191	214	
Khawasses				
Hingun	4			
Mudroo	4			
Bakur	4			
Deen Mohumud	4			
Peearoo	4			
Fatteh Sing Sircar	3	23		
		Total Rs.	1,500	

4th. As there appears to be no objection to this distribution of the Stipend I beg therefore to recommend the arrangement to His Lordship's sanction.

5th. In conclusion I have only further to recommend for the purpose of providing against future disputes, that the total amount of the above Stipend be paid to the receipt of Syud Sufdur Ally in the same manner as they were paid to the receipt of his late Father Nawaub Munglee.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 6th Decemr. 1830.

J. Money,
A. A. G. G.

Abstract

Reporting the death of Nuwaub Munglee & recommending the distribution of the stipend enjoyed by the Deceased in the manner proposed by H. H.

[1586]

G. Swinton Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim has reported to me the death of Meer Mosur Ally who appears from the Report of the Committee of 1802 to have received an allowance of Rs. 60 per mensem from the Sherishta Nizamut under the head of Akurba—He has left a numerous family His Highness therefore proposes to continue the whole of the Stipend to them in the following proportions—

		Proposed by H.H.	Proposed by the Agent	Agents Remarks
To Nooroon Nissa Begum	Widow	10	...	This Lady receives an allowance of Rs. 60 fixed by the Committee of 1802 & a further allowance of Rs. 40 from the Stipend of her mother Jehan Begum under the orders of Govt. of the 14th November 1817—Under the Circumstances I am of opinion that she is entitled to no further increase.
To Padshaw Ally	son	10		This person enjoys an allowance of Rs. 35 from the Stipend of his wife under the orders of Government—dated the 13th Augt. 1830. Therefore it does not appear that he is entitled to any increase from the present arrangement.

	Proposed by H.H.	Proposed by the Agent	Agent's Remarks
To Vuzur Ally son	10	14	These receive no other allowance therefore are entitled to some consideration.
To Moozuffer Ally son	10	14	
To Noor Jehan Begum daughter	5	9	
To Syud oon Nissa Begum Ditto	5	9	
To Nujmoon Nissa Munkooa	5	9	
For Tomb Expences	5	5	

2d. As the distribution of the Stipend proposed by His Highness appears to me objectionable I beg therefore to recommend the arrangement to His Lordship's sanction under the modifications above proposed.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 6th Decr. 1830.

J. Money,
A. A. G. G.

[1587]

G. Swinton Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg to communicate for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General that His Highness has reported the death of Zobadah Begum the illegitimate daughter of the late Nuwaub Khulliloollah Khan & sister to the late Sooltan Ibrahim Mirza—she received an allowance of Rs. 100 from the Sherista Nizt. under the orders of Govt. dated the 28th December 1817.

2d. The Nazim recommends that Rs. 50 be settled on Mirza Mohummud Ally the Husband of the deceased & Rs. 50 on Mohummud Mirza son of Sooltan Ibrahim Mirza & nephew of the deceased Begum, without making any provision for the dependants of Nuwaub Khulliloollah Khan who likewise shared in the Stipend fixed for the Begum, agreeably to Mr. Monckton's recommendation of the 25th October 1817 and sanctioned under the orders above quoted—I beg therefore to recommend that the Stipend be disposed of in the following manner namely—

To Mirza Mohummed Ally Husband ...	50
To Ally Mohummed Mirza Nephew ...	43
To Goolshun the only surviving female of the late Nuwaub Khulliloollah Khan	
	Rs. 100

—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 6th Decr. 1830.

J. Money,
A. A. G. G.

Abstract

Reporting the death of Zobedah Begum & proposing the distribution of the Stipend enjoyed by the deceased.

[1588]

G. Swinton Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim has reported the death of Oommut ool Koolsoom Begum daughter of Mohabut Ally Khan who received an allowance of Rs. 28-4 under the head of Akurbah from the Sherishta Nizamut, from the Stipend of 280 Rs. enjoyed by her father under the orders of Government of the 23d of May 1809.

2d. The Nazim proposes to distribute her Stipend in the following manner Vizt.

To Zoharah Begum Niece—adopted daughter	10-0-0
To Mohummud Ally Nephew .	9-2-0
To Mirza Abbas Ally ditto .	9-2-0
	28-4-0

As there appears to be no objection to this distribution of the Stipend I beg to recommend it's being Confirmed.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 6 Decr. 1830.

J. Money,
A. A. G. G.

[1589]

G. Swinton Esquire,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—Having transmitted to the Commissioner for Moorshedabad a copy of your letter dated the 19th Ultimo directing me to deliver over charge of the Agency to that officer in the event of Major Cobb's not having joined his station at the period of my leaving Moorshedabad, I have the honor to enclose a Copy of the Commissioners reply stating that he shall be detained at Soory with the business of the sessions beyond the present month. I have to request therefore that the Vice Presi-

dent in Council will be pleased to nominate some other officer to receive Charge from me of the Agency. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 10th Decr. 1830.

J. Money,
A. A. G. G.

[1590]

G. Swinton Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Govt., Fort William.

Sir,—His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim has reported to me the distressed circumstances of Mirza Ruheem the Grandson of Sooltan Daood Mirza & Nephew of Nuwaub Khullilloollah Khan and recommending in his behalf an increase of Rs. 20 from the lapsed Stipends accumulating in the Nizt. Treasury.

2d. As Mirza Ruheem is blind, and H. H. feels greatly interested about him, I beg therefore to recommend that the augmentation proposed by the Nazim be sanctioned by the Right Hon'ble the Govr. Genl. in Council. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 11th Decr. 1830.

J. Money,
A. A. G. G.

[1591]

G. Swinton Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Govt., Fort William.

Sir,—I have the honor to report for the approbation & sanction of the Right Hon'ble the Govr. Genl. in Council the increase proposed by the Nazim from the lapsed Stipends accumulating in the Nizamut Treasury for the relief of the Children of the late Meer Ibrahim, who were left to the bounty of the Nazim agreeably to the instructions contained in the Persian Secretary's letter of the 8th of May 1829—His H. therefore proposes to provide for the family in the following proportions namely—

To Meer Futteh Ally	30
To Meer Kurum Ally	30
To Meer Ruhum Ally	30
	90

2d. Their distress has already been laid before Govt. by the several successive Agents. Adverting therefore to the inconveniences under which they are labouring, I am of opinion that an adequate provision should be made for their support & I therefore beg leave to recommend that the sum now proposed by the Nazim be sanctioned. —I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 11 Decr. 1830.

J. Money,
A. A. G. G.

[1592]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Noorjehan Begum oorf Misree Begum, wife of the late Nuwaub Buhram Jung, having nominated Gowhur Ally in the room of Lollah Hurloll to be her Agent, I request the favor of your paying such attention to the applications of that person as they may appear entitled to.—I am etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 15 Decr. 1830.

Jas. Money,
Offg. A. G. G.

[1593]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—In consequence of the death of Shumsheer Ally Khan an amount not less than Rs. 400 is required for necessary expences and I have therefore to request that you will be pleased to pay the late Khan's stipend for the Month of November last to the receipt of his two sons Mirza Lootfally and Mirza Zynool Aubdeen.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 16 Decr. 1830.

J. Money,
A. A. G. G.

[1594]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—I beg to enclose a copy of a letter from the Chief Secretary to Govt. dated the 3d Instt. sanctioning the establishment of a guard of Burkundazes at an expence of Rs. 54 p. mensem.

2d. Under the present orders I have to request that you will be pleased to pay the amount of the accompanying bill for Rs. 216.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 22d Decr. 1830.

J. Money,
A. A. G. G.

[1595]

H. T. Travers Esqr.,
Collector of Moorshedabad.

Sir,—Adverting to the letter written to you on the 7th of Octr. 1828 It appears that Kazim Ally Khan has liquidated the amount advanced to him by Govt. from the deposit fund.

I have therefore to request the favor of your paying to him the full amount of his salary from the month of Uggun last.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 29 Decr. 1830.

J. Money,
A. A. G. G.

[1596]

G. Swinton Esquire,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—In compliance with the orders contained in your letter of the 10th Instt. I beg to state for the information of the Hon'ble the Vice President in Council that I have called H. Hs. particular attention to Report on the demise of the dependants of the late Nuwaub Meer Munglee at the same time Syud Sufdur Ally has been strongly recommended to report likewise the casualties, that might occur amongst the Dependents placed under his control & I have every reason to believe that they will not deviate from the standing rules.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 29th Decr. 1830.

J. Money,
A. A. G. G.

[1597]

G. Swinton Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—The accompanying letter from His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim to the Governor General had been enclosed in one to the late Officiating Agent Mr. Magniac, but as its object was to obtain for the Dewan Raee Gungadhur Dewan of the Nizamut the title of Moha Rajah Behadoor which had previously been conferred on Native Gentlemen filling that office & on some of whom higher titles had been bestowed—I deferred with H. Highness permission to forward his letter until from Official intercourse with the Dewan I should be enabled to form a judgement of his character and I am now happy in adding my testimony to that of the late Mr. Loch's in favor of its high respectability, and of mentioning that throughout my official intercourse with Raee Gungadhur I have had every reason to consider him deserving of the high estimation in which he is held by the English Gentlemen & natives of respectability in Moorshedabad—I have found Raee Gungadhur to be thoroughly acquainted with the Nizamut affairs, Zealous in promoting the welfare of His Highness & upholding the dignity of his station, a temper peculiarly consiliating, & ever forward to heal the differences which have had frequently occurred between the several members of the Nuwaub's family, of the integrity of the Dewan I have every reason to think highly and I have understood it to have been the intention of the late Acting Agent, Mr. Magniac to have forwarded the present enclosure with the expression of sentiments commendatory of the Dewan's character—I beg to express my hope that His Lordship in Council will be pleased to gratify the wishes of His Highness the Nuwab Nazim in favor of a very meritorious Officer.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 29th Decr. 1830.

J. Money,
A. A. G. G.

[1598]

H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Secretary to the Governor General Head Quarter.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose two Letters from their Highness the Nuwaub Nazim & the Ameeroon Nissa Begum in reply to those recently received from the Right Hon'ble the Governor General.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 30th Decr. 1830.

J. Money,
A. A. G. G.

[1599]

G. Swinton Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—In conformity with the desire of the Nuwaub Nazim, I request the favor of your submitting to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General, the accompanying translation & copy of a letter from His Highness to my address, together with translations of statements & accounts therein referred to.

2d. These Accounts & statements contain the objections promised to be furnished by H. H.,* to certain Expenditure &ca. incurred during the few years of his minority.

**Vide* translation of H. Hs. letter dated the 5 Showal 1245 Hirjee submitted with Mr. Magniac's letter of the 26th May last.

3d. As the Accounts for that period have already been laid before Government by the late Acting Agent it does not appear to be at this moment necessary or advisable to offer any further observations thereon.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 30th Decr. 1830.

J. Money,
A. A. G. G.

Enclosure

Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nuwaub Nazim to the Acting Agent Dated

After the usual compliments.

Previously in a Letter dated the 15th Shawal 1245 Hijree addressed by me to the Acting Agent containing my grounds of objection to the several items of Expense charged in the Accounts to the end of 1235 B.S., I stated that I would subsequently furnish, for the information of His Lordship in Council, a detailed Statement of my objections to the retrenched items, together with an Account Shewing the debts due to Individuals of every Department ; and requested that, until the receipt of my objections above alluded to, he would, in transmitting a Copy of the letter, solicit His Lordship to defer the decision on the matters reported by himself—A copy of that letter has, I believe, been submitted to His Lordship.

The Accounts of Balances due to Individuals of every department have now been prepared by my Officers &

submitted to me—Those papers, with a Statement exhibiting the Items to which I object, and which contrary to Established custom have been annexed to the Privy Purse, I transmit along with this letter, in the earnest hope, that you will be pleased, most kindly, to address His Lordship distinctly on all these points, and likewise, in the most respectful manner attract His Lordship's attention to the subjects embracing the adjustment of the debts incurred in the few years of my minority, and the disbursement out of the Nizamut of the objected items added to the Privy Purse, relative to which a communication from His Lordship had been previously made to the late Acting Agent, and also to the debts due to the close of the year 1231 B.S., in order, that by composing the outstanding claims to the expiration of 1235, a stop may be put to the inconvenience and vexation experienced in general by servants, Relatives and Tradesmen, who in consequence of not receiving their respective demands, are greatly distressed and afflicted.

I firmly believed that the disbursements from the Privy Purse during my minority were managed with a provident hand by the Agent, and that after the Conclusion of that period, I should enjoy the possession of a valuable accumulation. In opposition thereto, not a pice was saved during that time, arising from the Mismanagement evidently displayed and repeatedly noticed in the letters I have written on the subject.

Under these circumstances I am quite unable to defray out of my Privy Purse the very large sums of Money which were expended in my minority.

Be pleased to consider that if I possessed a sufficiency of ready assets to liquidate all those claims, I should never allow myself to occasion so much trouble to His Lordship, to whom you will infinitely oblige me, by representing this subject also in the most suitable manner.

[1600]

G. Swinton Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg leave to report for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council that the Bhow Begum is anxious to obtain a loan of twenty thousand Rupees from the Deposit Fund for the purpose of enabling her to discharge a debt to the above amount which she has incurred on account of the marriage of the daughters of His late Highness Ally Jah beyond the amount allowed to her by Government for that purpose & for which she is compelled to pay a very high rate of interest.

2nd. The Begum proposes to repay the advance now solicited by a deduction of Eight hundred rupees a month from her allowance—I therefore take the liberty of recommending her case to the favourable consideration of Government.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 30th Decr. 1830.

J. Money,
A. A. G. G.

[1601]

H. T. Prinsep Esqr.,
Secretary to Government Head Quarter.

Sir,—I beg to enclose two letters from Nuwaub Soulut Jung one to the address of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General, & the other for yourself.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 31st Decr. 1830.

J. Money,
A. A. G. G.

[1602]

G. Swinton Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir—I beg leave to report to you for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, that I have this day delivered over charge of the Office of Agent to the Governor General at Moorshedabad to Mr. J. A. Pringle.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
Moorshedabad,
the 3rd January 1831.

J. Money,
A. A. G. G.

[1603]

G. Swinton Esqr.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort William.

Sir,—I beg to acquaint you for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council that I have this day received charge of the Office of Agent to the Governor General at Moorshedabad from Mr. J. Money.—I have etc.

Office of A. G. G.,
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J. A. Pringle,
A. A. G. G.

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